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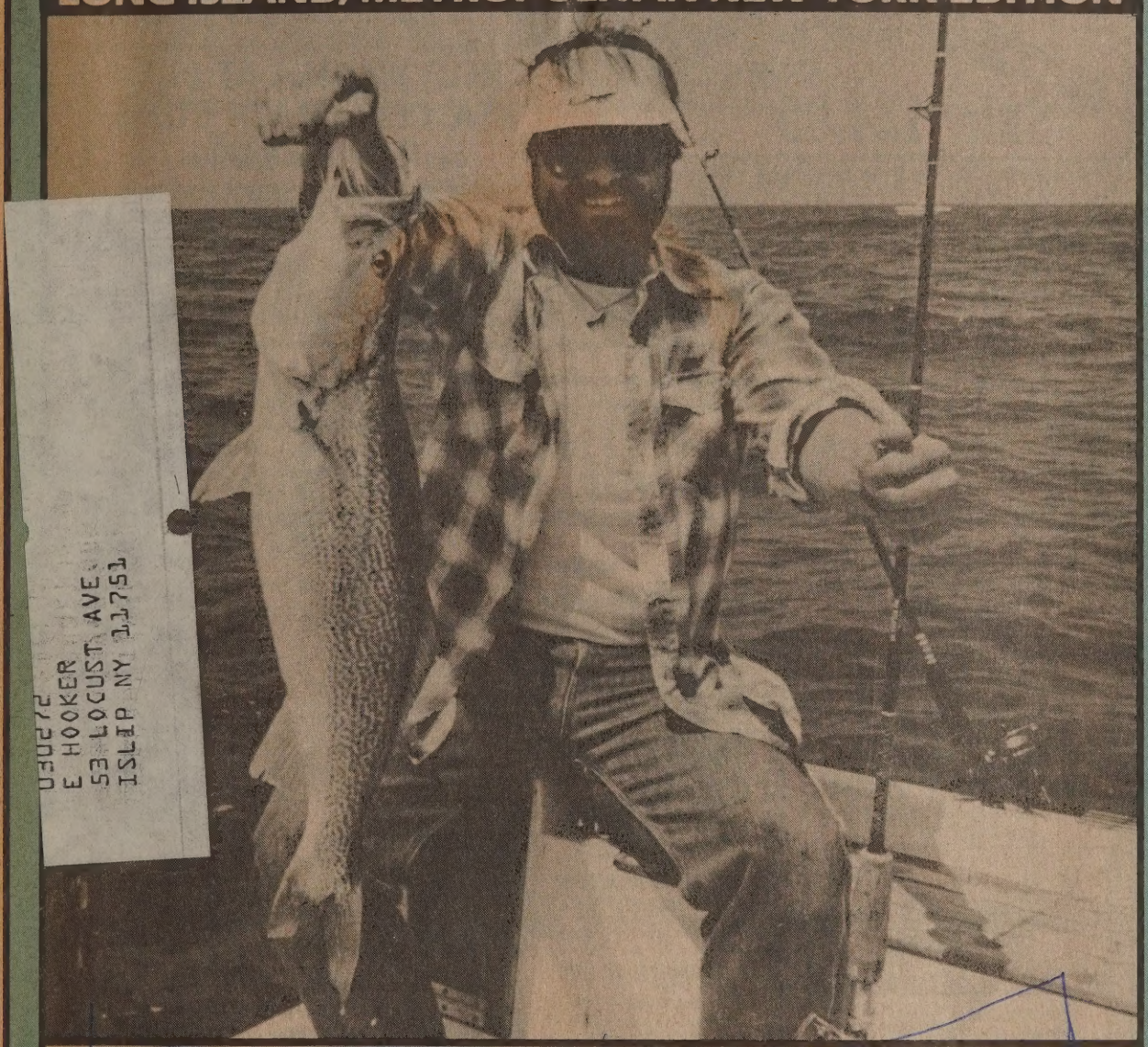

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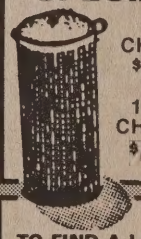

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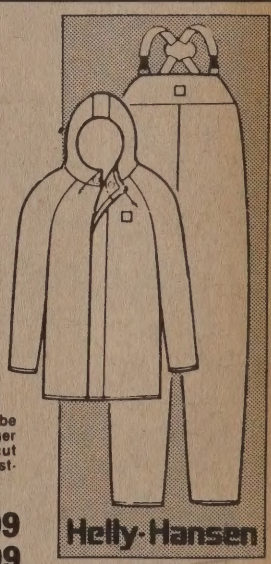

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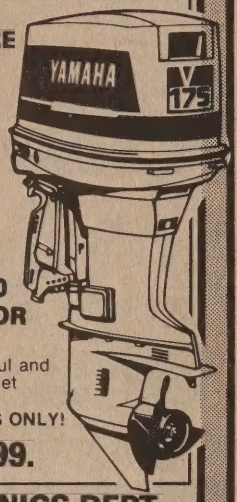

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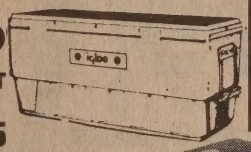

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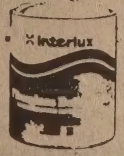

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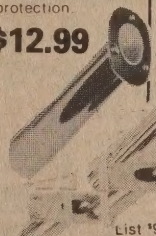

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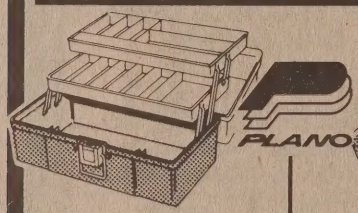

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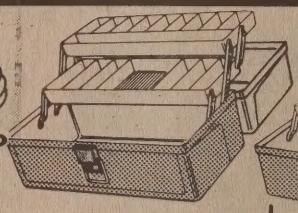

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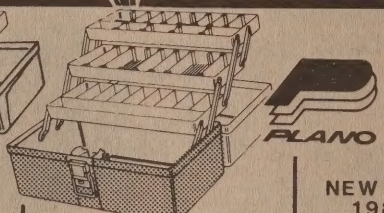

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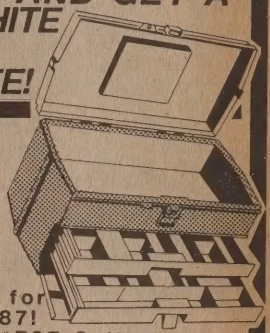

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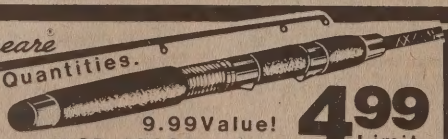

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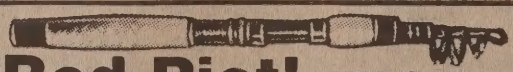

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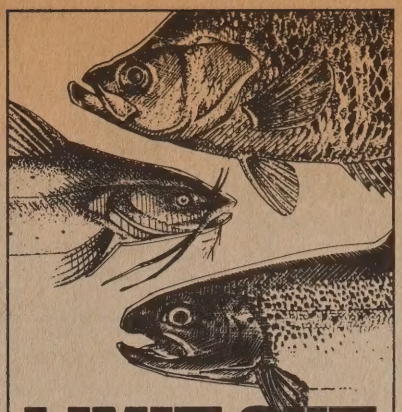

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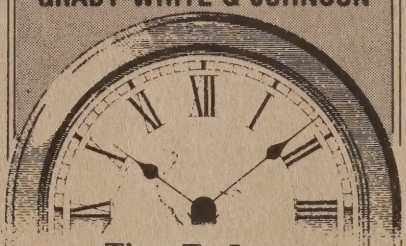

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If you want a qualified expert on how to have fun, consult your average child. With an intuitive sense of play, fueled by imagination and impulse, he and/or she make ideal guides for angling adventure during National Fishing Week, June 1-7, 1987.

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Follow a few easy rules and you can share great fishing experiences with the kids of your choice during National Fishing Week or any time:

1. Make a special effort to keep the kids comfortable. Provide sun block and insect repellent along with cool drinks and favorite snacks. Avoid all links between fishing and discomfort.
2. Start with spincasting gear and go to spinning gear when the kid can handle it. Kids do well at fly fishing, too—partly because they have no previous bad habits to unlearn.
3. Try to fish near bluegill, crappie or other hotspots where kids can succeed easily. Even catching carp or suckers is fun for a kid and most kids have a limited tolerance for failure.
4. Praise, don't criticize, kids' fishing efforts. The less pressure you put on them, the better they'll perform.
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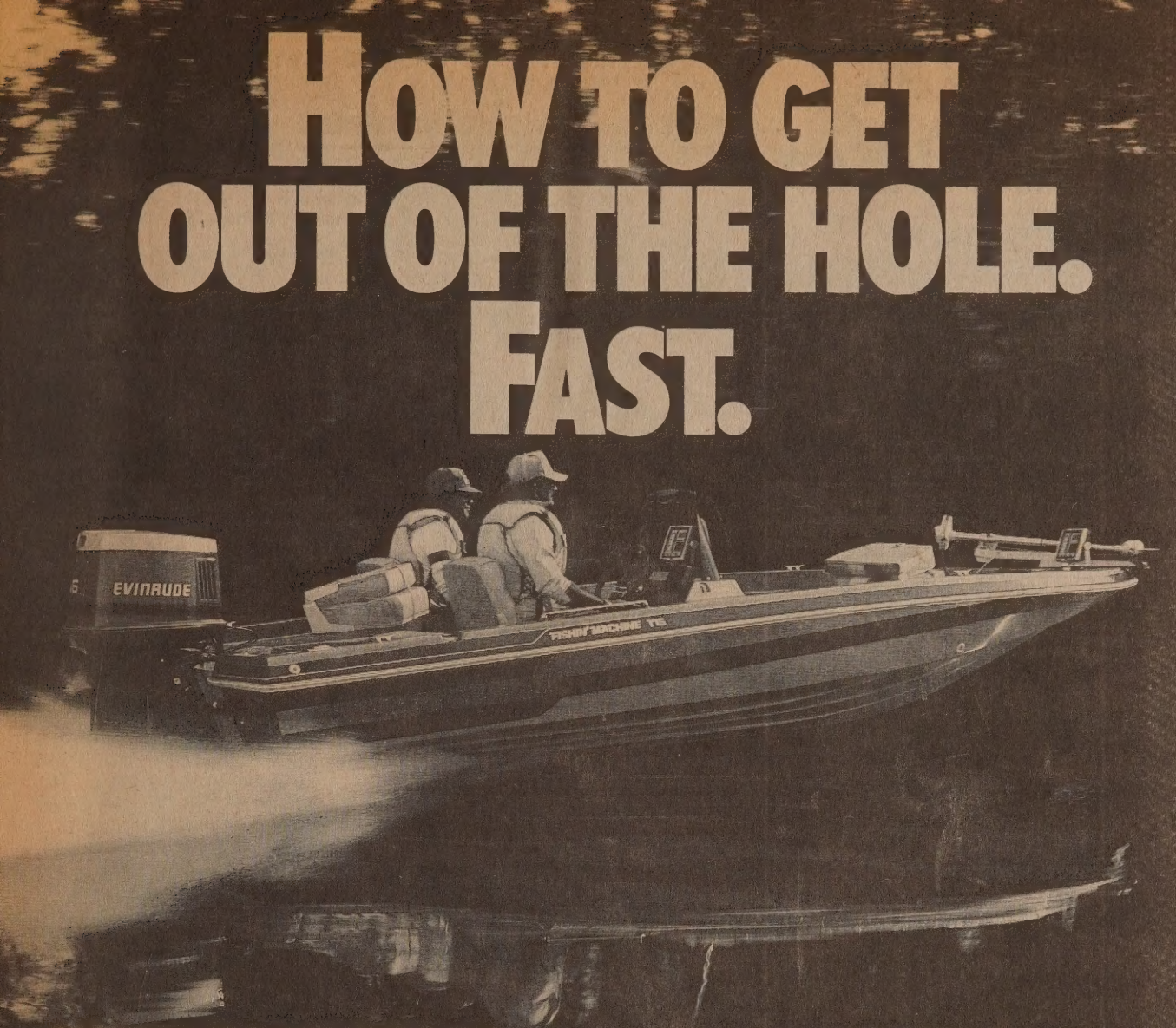

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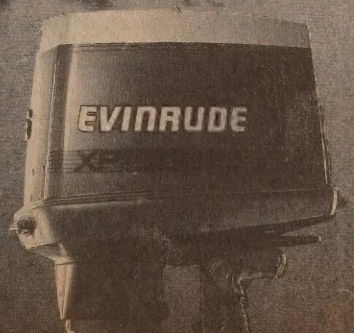

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Quality Inn in Cromwell, Connecticut will be the headquarters for the first tournament in the northeast region of Bassing America's Grand National Tournament Circuit. The event will be held on April 12 on the Connecticut River in Middletown, Connecticut. Entry fee is $50 plus an annual $20 membership fee.

The 1986 Grand National Angler of the Year and Rookie of the Year both came out of the northeast region. Ted Pawelek of Little Falls, New York was crowned Angler of the Year after finishing first in the national point standings. Mark Brett of East Hartford, Connecticut won the Rookie of the Year title for finishing 14th in the country, the highest point-holding rookie angler.

In addition, the northeast region had more championship qualifiers in 1986 than any of Bassing America's seven other divisions. The top northeast region finishers at the championship were: 5th place, Dick Gorski, Depew, NY; 7th place, Ted Pawelek, Little Falls, NY; 9th place, Wayne Schaefer, Middlesex, NJ; 12th place, Don Murray, Monticello, NY; 18th place, Mal Baxter, Plattsburgh, NY; 20th place, Glen Van Alstyne, Stuyvesant Falls, NY; 43rd place, Leo Stock, Henryville, PA; 48th place, Sonny Pease, Buffalo, NY; 53rd place, Mark Brett, East Hartford, CT; 58th place, John Rambo, Norristown, PA; 60th place, Alvin Ross, Lasnsing, NY; 61st place, Dave Vigue, East Hartford, CT and; 69th place, Jerry Sparks, Springfield, MA.

The Grand National Tournament Circuit is made up of eight regions from the northeast to Oklahoma. This year, Bassing America will invite the top 10 point holders from each region

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The northeast region has eight qualifying events. The first six are one day 200 point tournaments (only the three best will count in the standings). The seventh is a two day, double point (400) event and the eighth is a two day, regional final worth 600 points to the winner.

The northeast region schedule is: May 24, Connecticut River, Quality In, Cromwell, CT; June 7, Connecticut River, Ramada Inn, Chicopee, MA; June 21, Lake George (an extra tournament in conjunction with NY BASS Federation; special off-limits apply), Hague Inn, Hague, NY; June 28, LSake Champlain, American International Inn, Ticonderoga, NY; July 5, Hudson River, Hudson, NY; August 15 and 16, double point, 1000 Islands, Martin's Motel, Cape Vincent, NY, and August 29 and 30 regional final, Hudson River, Friar Tuck Inn, Catskill, NY.

Don MCKee of Port Henry, NY has returned to run the northeast region tournaments. Don was assistant northeast tournament director in 1985, but because of other commitments, wasn't able to serve in 1986. Don has been involved in tournament fishing throughout the northeast for over 15 years and brings excellent experience to Bassing America's toughest region. Don can be reached at (518) 546-7471.

Bassing America tournaments are draw events and boaters and non-boaters are welcomed. The Grand National Tournament Circuit is sponsored by MotorGuide trolling motors, yamaha outboards, Ranger boats and RangerTrail trailer, Stren and Prime fishing line, Lowrance and Eagle electronics and Abu Garcia reels. For more information about the tournament circuit, contact Don McKee or call or write, Bassing America, Grand Naitonal Tournament Circuit, 4660 Sunbelt Drive, Dallas, TX 75248; (214) 380-2656.

ANGLERS ESTABLISH 619 NEW RECORDS IN 1986

World Game Fish Records approved by the International Game Fish Association in 1986 totaled 619, marking the fifth straight year that more than 600 records have been granted by IGFA.

Applications approved included 97 new all-tackle records (the heaviest catch of a species), 263 saltwater line class records, 193 freshwater line class records and 121 new fly rod records (78 for freshwater species and 43 for marine fish).

IGFA processed 948 record applications during the year. The continued high number of record claims by anglers throughout the world is attributed to their awareness of the many existing record opportunities, IGFA President E.K. Harry said. Furthermore, a tremendous increase in newspaper and television coverage of world record catches has been noted. Pictures and stories about anglers have gained a fair share of space on the sports pages and in newscasts.

Largest all-time fish records were set in faraway places and remote areas ranging from the snow-capped mountain streams of Alaska to the warm South Pacific waters of New Zealand. The all-tackle mark for that old favorite, the Dolly Varden, fell twice. In July, Kenneth Alt caught a 10 lb. Dolly Varden in the Noatak River, Alaska, and a month later Ronald Reeves, Jr., raised the record to 10 lbs. 2 oz. with his catch in the Kenai River, Alaska. A 4-year-old striped marlin record was bettered by more than 50 lbs. as Bruce Jenkinson weighed in one at 455 lbs. 4 oz. on January 16 at Mayor Island, New Zealand.

Once again, light tackle enthusiasts dominated freshwater line class categories. Of the 193 new world records established by freshwater fishermen, the greatest numbers were in the 1 kg/2 lb (37) an 2 kg/4 lb (32) line classes. New records were set for 65 of the 74 freshwater species currently listed by IGFA, with 32 new marks established for various members of the bass family, 18 for salmons, 22 for trout and 27 for catfish.

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The saltwater line class categories accounted for the largest number of records set during the year with a total of 263. For the first time, women anglers outdid the men in the record setting, 133 to 130. Many records were set in the ultralight line classes: 37 in the 1 kg/2 lb line class and 47 in the 2 kg/4 lb category.

New fly rod records were established for 35 different freshwater species and for 25 saltwater species.

IGFA's expansion of its record program in recent years has opened many opportunities for anglers in all categories ranging from weekend "novices" to experienced big game sport fishermen to join the ranks of world record holders. Despite the large numbers of records established already, there are still many chances for tomorrow's record seekers.

IGFA has added the kahawai, blue-fin travelly and mutton snapper to the line class and fly rod categories, and is continuing a study of potential additions to the species list in the near future. All tackle record applications for species not currently included on the record lists will be accepted as they have been since the all tackle program was enlarged in 1984.

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If the engine still doesn't start, you have an option that many people aren't aware of. Your electric-start outboard is equipped with an emergency starting cord. Where to find it is explained in your owner's guide. The owner of a 75 or 90 horsepower Mariner, for example, would follow this emergency starting procedure: remove the engine cowl and the three wing nuts from the flywheel cover. Remove the cover and take the starter rope out of the pocket inside it.

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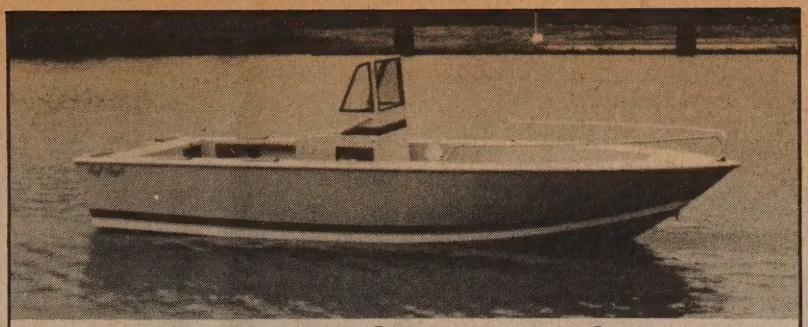

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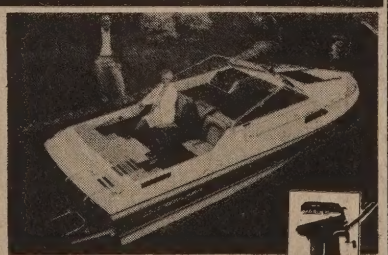

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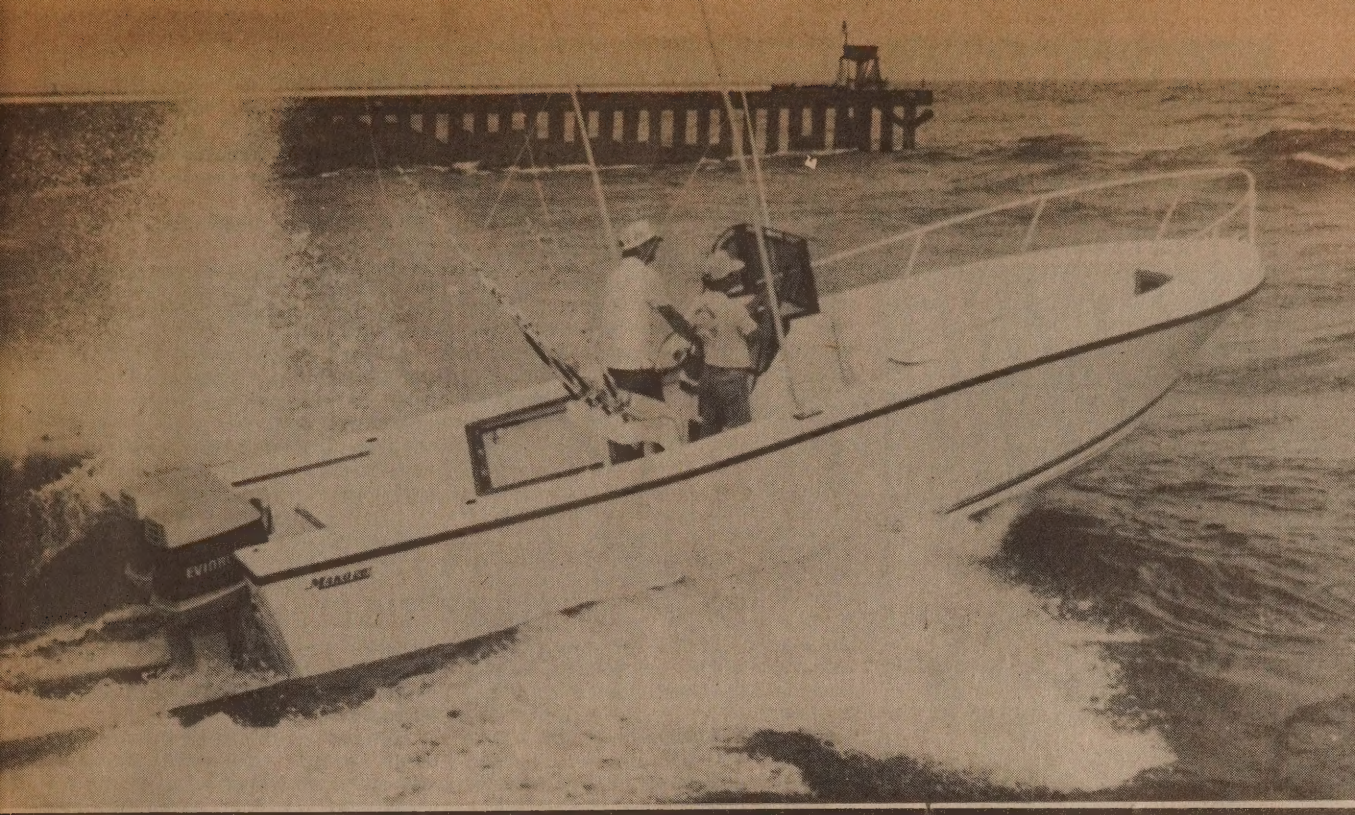

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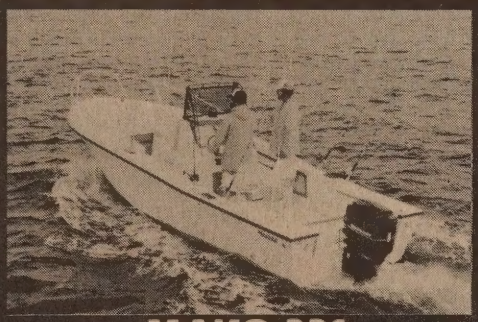

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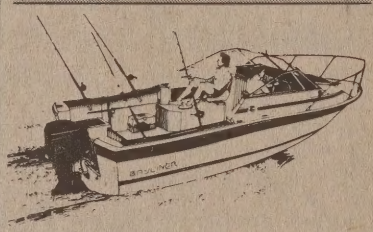

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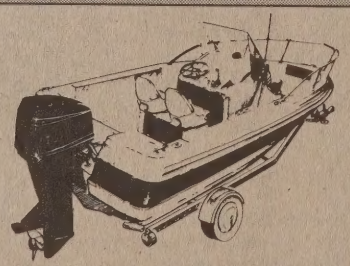

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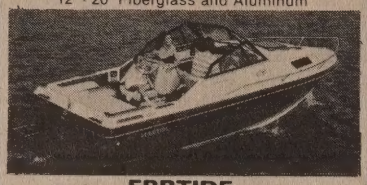

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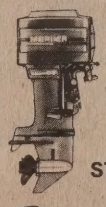

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For more information, write Si-Tex, P.O. Box 6700, Clearwater, FL 33518; (813) 535-4681.

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From Calkins Manufacturing Co., P.O. Box 14527, Spokane, WA 99214.

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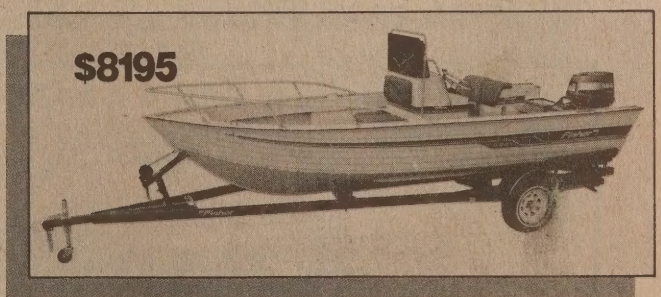

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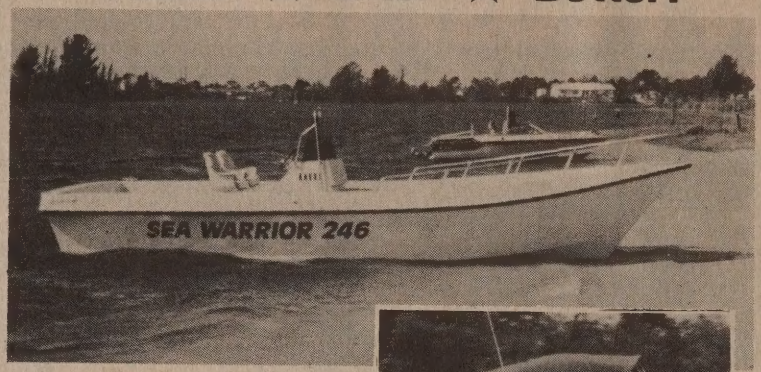

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For more information, contact Ryobi America Corporation, 1158 Tower Lane, Bensenville, IL 60106; (312) 766-1621.

MAXIMA OFFERS NEW "HAWAII SILVER" MONOFILAMENT LINE IN HIGH CAPACITY SPOOLS

Maxima, the leading name in premium IGFA class monofilament fishing line, is now offering its proven "Hawaii Silver" big game line in high capacity service spools.

Maxima introduced the Hawaii Silver line last year in convenient 55 yard clear-plastic big game leader dispenser spools. The smoke-gray line quickly became the top choice of offshore anglers, particularly in the Hawaiian Islands and off the Northeast Coast of the U.S.

Fishermen, especially professional charter skippers, asked for the same line in bulk spools to fill their reels and so Maxima met the need wtih service spools of Hawaii Silver ranging from 50 to 180 pound test.

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resistance and knot strength. It also has the low-stretch tensile strength and easy-spooling softness offshore anglers prefer.

The Hawaii Silver color offers three distinct advantages to bluewater fishermen. For one, the smoke-gray, low contrast color becomes virtually invisible when viewed by fish below the water's surface. Secondly, the same color offers good visibility above water, making it easier for anglers to track their lines. And third, the line does not discolor, as do other light colored lines after hours of trolling through a wake of engine exhaust residues. Hawaii Silver keeps its color and its strength long after other lines have been discarded.

Hawaii Silver high capacity service spools are available in 50, 60, 80, 100, 130 and 180 pound test. The big game leader coiler packs come in 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 and 300 pound test.

To learn more, contact Jatra International, 5 Chrysler St., Dept. P, Irvine, CA 92718; (714) 380-7444.

YAMAHA PRO 50 AND 3 CYLINDER 30

For 1987, Yamaha offers the mid-range performance boatman two new 3 cylinder outboards: the Pro 50 and a 30 hp model with Precision Blend oil injection.

The Pro 50 is directed not only at the angler who wants plenty of performance, but at the boatman who wants plenty of power for skiing or cruising. The Pro 50 offers special styling and performance features usually found only on larger outboards. The loop-charged outboard comes standard with power trim and tilt and a trim meter. A tachometer and oil warning light are combined into a single unit for operator convenience. A tilt switch is located on the motor pan, saving repeated trips to the cockpit to adjust the motor when at the ramp. Yamaha has included a connection on the remote control box for adding a trim and tilt switch on the bow casting platform. In addition, the buyer receives a user's choice stainless steel propeller and Yamaha's two year factory limited warranty, the longest in the industry. Special graphics on the cowl resemble Yamaha's 150 hp Pro V.

Trim on the Pro 50 enables the operator to tuck the motor in for better initial acceleration and to trim it out for a higher top speed when on plane. Higher mounting and trim has enabled the use of a larger pitch prop, which, when combined with the trim gives the Pro 50 a 3 mph top speed advantage over a 50 hp outboard with trim.

These new motors feature Yamaha's Precision Blend Oil Injection System with an integral oil tank under the cowl. The oil is injected directly into the manifold and does not pass through the carburetors. The system assures the owner that the engine is always getting the proper amount of oil for a better performing motor and less cost in operation and maintenance. The oil pump is crankshaft driven for simplicity and better reliability. The oil reservoir holds enough for over 5 hours of full throttle operation. The sophisticated oil warning system gives plenty of notice when the oil level starts to get low.

Yamaha's other all-new motor in its mid-range lineup is its loop-charged 3 cylinder 30 hp motor available in electric and manual models. On the manual model, the shift lever has been placed conveniently at the front of the engine for easier operation. The 30.27 ci powerhead is pulse-tuned for smoother running. Shallow water drive is standad on the manual model. Another feature for shallow water use is Yamaha's new optional stainless steel weedless propeller. The 30 electric is shipped with a control box and stainless steel link arm for easy remote installation.

These motors are right at home in saltwater, featuring a 5-stage paint process and sacrificial zinc anodes in the water jacket and lower unit.

Like all Yamaha outboards, these 3 cylinder motors can run on leaded or unleaded fuel without any modification or loss of performance, and have alcohol resistant fuel lines and fuel line components.

For more information, contact Yamaha Motor Corporation USA, Marine Division, Box 6555, Cypress, CA 90630.

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Boats For Anglers

SPORT-CRAFT 252 FISHERMAN

by John Raguso

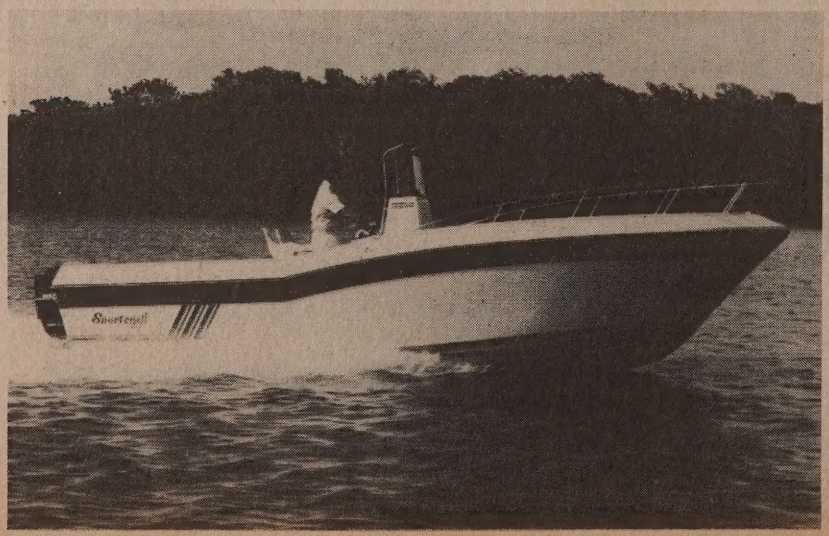
Sport-craft has been building durable and affordable fishing craft since the late 50s. The 252 Fisherman center console is this Florida-based company's latest entry into a competitive market traditionally dominated by the "big boys." Sport-craft engineers have built in some interesting features on the 252, the most obvious of which is an 8' 6" wide-body beam.

The extra half-foot of beam multiplied by 25' 2' of centerline length gives the 252 Fisherman significantly more usable cockpit space compared to the more conventional 96 inch wide designs. This increase in interior space, when coupled to the extremely high sheer line of the hull, gives you the feeling that you're in a much larger boat.

The layout of this center console incorporates many of the accoutrements that most blue water anglers look for in a serious fishing machine. There's loads of dry storage in the forward section, positioned under the casting platform. This room is supplied by four decent-sized boxes which drain rearward into the underdeck fishbox located just forward of the console, which subsequently drains aft through the hull bottom via a hose/ball cock valve setup, achieving a sort of "domino effect." The first box in the chain is really tiny and would only be appropriate for housing a few dock lines or tail ropes. The next casting deck compartment is a tad larger and measures 25" x 15" x 10" and this is followed by a pair of 30" x 24" x11" boxes which all drain into the main fishbox. This insulated compartment is 34"x 16" x 16" and should house 125 lbs. of blues, weaks or football tuna with little difficulty.

As intimated in my earlier comments on the 252's overall size, freeboard aft is a generous 28", while just forward of amidships it measures a whopping 39" and freeboard on the casting platform is even 28"! The 10" wide fiberglass covering boards provide a safe and secure foundation for getting on or off the boat at the dock, or for mounting rod holders, outriggers, or even tuna tower stanchions.

Shifting to the command area of the console, this massive structure should provide weather protection for even the largest members of The Fisherman's readership. At 6' 3", I felt dwarfed by the center console's size. There's a one-piece welded stainless steel grab rail which surrounds the plexiglass windscreen and the dual cylinder teleflex Sea Star hydraulic steering unit connected to a S/S destroyer wheel should provide effortless navigational control. On the top part of the console unit, there's room to mount a flush compass, in addition to a compact Loran C unit. There's a large lockable center compartment that will house most computer graph-type chart recorders, in addition to a pair of instrument cluster panels located to either side for monitoring a dual outboard installation. A teak door just below the steering wheel reveals a radio box for your favorite VHF unit, and beneath this are two teak doors that provide alternate access to the large storage area under the console.



Getting into the hull design and construction, the Sport-craft folks don't try to hide the fact that the 252 is built from a combination of chopped mat and hand-laid fiberglass. The 7 layers of glass in this boat consist of four layers chopped mat and three layers of 24 oz. woven roving, overlapped for 12" on the keel. Five 2" spruce stringers provide longitudinal support and are bonded to the hull with a combination of chopped mat and fabmat. Although I'm not going to debate the relative merits and liabilities of incorporating chopper gun mat in fiberglass boat building at this juncture, strategic use of the chopper gun can cut down the amount of time a boat will spend on the assembly line and this usually translates to a lower unit cost for the buyer.

The 252's three-piece construction (hull, liner and deck) provides welcome room for those fishermen who enjoy rigging their own chariots, as there's easy access to most areas for thru-bolting your hardware. Although the factory folks I talked to were uncertain of the vessel's exact deadrise angles, there's a fair degree of entry forward which flattens out to about a 14 to 16 degree angle at the transom, so we're talking modified vee. I saw the 252 at one of the boat shows earlier this year and it was rigged with a pair of 110 horsepower V4 outboards. Even though this boat should get up and plane fairly easily due to its flattened out after section, all that hull weight and high profile is going to create some additional wind resistance, so you'll probably be better off with a set of dual mini sixes, like 135s or 150s. Steer clear of the single large V6 installation, as you will have to keep the big mill revving up in the mid-4,000 RPM range just to make a decent headway, thus burning more fuel and putting a great deal of stress on your engine, shortening its career.

The list of standard features includes a Rule 1500 GPH auto bilge pump in the stern, teak rod racks under each gun'l, raw water washdown, recirculating baitwell, one-piece stainless bow rail, S/S deck hardware, 162 gallon fuel tank and more.

In retrospect, the 252 Fisherman is an honest boat that brings the price of a 25 foot wide-body fisherman into a range that many can finally afford. In addition, Sport-craft's five-year hull warranty should convey to the consumer the confidence they have that their products will stand the test of time.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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Product Review

CANNON ECONO DOWNRIGGERS

by Jim White

For many years, saltwater fishermen have had good succes by trolling with heavy wire lines, deep planers and keel sinkers. Because they're effective, these methods will probably endure.

But there's an alternative controlled-depth fishing method: downriggers. Innovative marine anglers are using downriggers for stripers, bluefish, tuna, marlin, king mackerel and other marine species.

Successful saltwater fishermen have always recognized the importance of controlled-depth trolling Downriggers make it easy to do. Now you can do battle with the fish alone, without taking on those heavy lines and weights, too. And downriggers will take your bait (or lure) to exactly the right depth for the species you're after.

The small boat angler can now have this versatility on his own craft as well as with the downsized Cannon Econo Series. These downriggers are small in size and they're also easy on the wallet.

This Cannon series includes: the Mini-Mag, the Easi Troll and the Econo-Rigger. All models come in either black or white coloring depending on your particular taste.

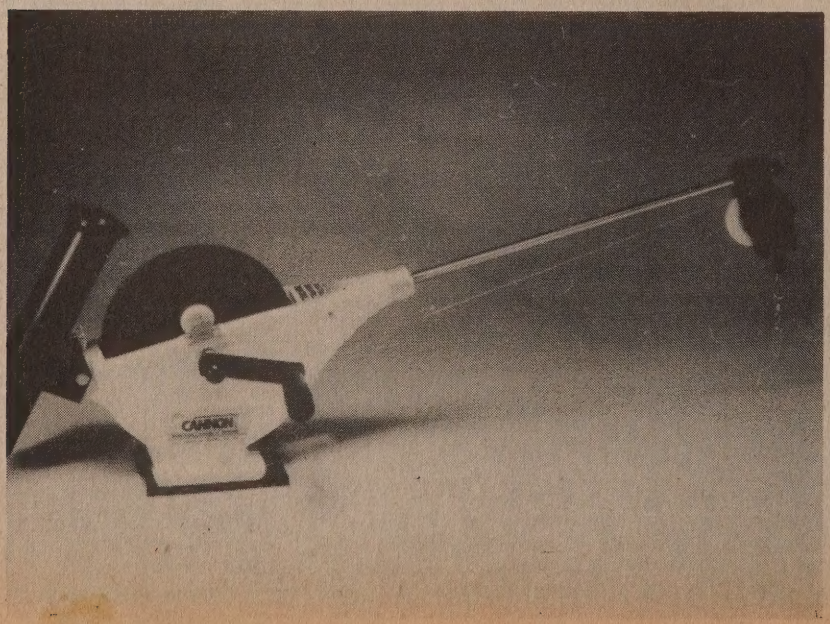
These small lightweight riggers are also packed with features like deep spool non-fouling cable reels and a deck plate with front-locking thumb screw. The cable is 150 pound test stainless steel and has a length of 150 feet which is more than enough for most small boat situations. A snap swivel with Cannon's exclusive Cushion Cartridge is designed to absorb the shock of weights rising to the top.

An optional portable clamp mount is a "C" clamp that attaches to the gunnel or transom. This aluminum mount has a comfortable plastic knob with heavy-duty coarse-thread screw and allows you to move the downrigger to different positions around the boat as needs arise.

For the more sophisticated angler, Cannon offers the Electric Mini-Mag, a downsized version of the Magnum 10A Two. The Mini-Mag is more compact and lighter for portability and is perfect for use on smaller boats.

This model features a gear-driven electric motor with extra torque, plus a powerful, low amperage electric motor contained in a rugged, durable housing.

A clutch brake system for controlled lowering of the weight also prevent a fouled weight from damaging the unit or breaking the cable. A 6 foot power cable is standard with quick disconnect plug. The 18 inch stainless steel boom is also standard, but longer lengths are also available.



In case of battery failure, an optional emergency crank is available for upward manual cranking.

The Easi-Troll is Cannon's most popular downrigger. It's a scaled down version of the Uni-Troll, for easy handling and storage—perfect for smaller aluminum boats or just the occasional fisherman. These have all the same features as the bigger model. Booms are from 18 to 30 inches and made of stainless steel.

Cannon's lowest cost Econo-Rigger is an even lighter weight manual model with single crank control which sets up for either left or right hand use. This economical unit has a swing-lock brake for stopping the weight; however, since this is not a clutch system, speed of descent is controlled by manual cranking.

The basic unit is sold with a 12 inch fiberglass boom, but an 18 inch stainless steel boom is also available.

Where Cannon really shines is in the optional equipment department with accessories to complement their line of downriggers. They have just about anything you could use or want to solve a problem or add on to an existing system.

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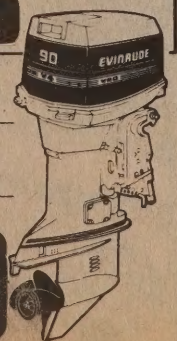

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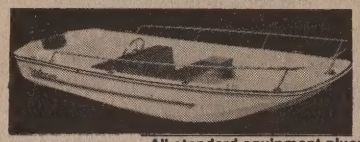

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

In this week's Tackle Doctor we have two good questions: one from Bob Sperry who needs some advice on choosing the right reel for lead core or wire lines to troll in deep freshwater lakes. This is specialized fishing, but sometimes it is the only way to go. The second question asked by reader Jim Fitzgerald asks a basic but good question concerning the Lark's Head Knot. To be completely honest with you, I didn't know the name of the knot until I had looked it up awhile back. Actually, I had been using the knot for years without knowing its name and I'm sure many others have used this knot without realizing its name either. We look forward to receiving readers' questions every week and will continue to give you answers to help solve your tackle problems. Let's hear from you!

Please note that the Tackle Doctor and the New Jersey office of The Fisherman has moved to new offices at 1622 Beaver Dam Road in Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. Address inquiries to the Tackle Doctor to the new address. Thank you.

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Dear Doc,

I started freshwater fishing last year and had a ball. In addition to using monofilament line I used wire line for trolling. The wire worked fine, but was a chore to let out, plus it was difficult to know just how much was out. This year I would like to try lead core line. However, I do not know what kind of reel to buy. I plan to use 18 pound test line and will do most of my fishing in Candlewood Lake. While Penn recommends their #309M reel for lead core line, it appears to be too large and heavy for my use. It would be appreciated if you would give me your opinion and suggestions for a suitable reel. Many thanks.

Bob Sperry.

Dear Bob,

The Penn 309M is a large reel, however, lead core line does have a very large diameter. This type of line, in freshwater, sinks about 5 feet for every 25 feet of line you let out, depending upon trolling speed, of course. So to be able to go deep you will need a reel that can handle all of this thick line. For instance, if the fish were located 50 feet down, you would need to let out 250 feet of line. Therefore, you would need a large reel to accommodate this such as a Penn 309M. You might also want to take a look at the Shimano Triton levelwind series, or the Daiwa 30H or 50H Sealine series.

Remember, most lead core line is color coded in either 25 or 50 foot lengths, depending upon the manufacturer. This takes the guesswork out of how much line you have out.

While wire line may be a chore to let out you also need less to get down deep in the water. In freshwater, wire line will go down 15 feet for every 50 feet of line let out. Again, this depends on your trolling speed: the faster you troll, the more line you will have to let out to get deeper, and it works just the opposite with the slower you troll. A lot of excellent fishermen use wire line because you do need less of it to go deep.

You have to decide which line

THE LARK'S HEAD KNOT

Fig. 1 A loop is formed at the end of the line or leader, and then the loop is passed through the hook, lure, or swivel "eye."

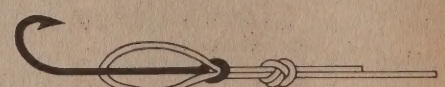

Fig. 2 The loop is passed over the lure or swivel.

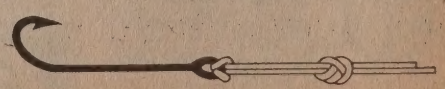

Fig. 3 The knot is then pulled tight.

works best for you. The advantage of the wire line is that it does have a smaller diameter and goes down deeper faster. The advantage of lead core line is that it spools easier and thus is easier to work with.

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Dear Sir:

In recent articles you have used the term "Lark's Head" knot. My knot books do not mention this knot. Would you please send me some sketches on how to tie it, or refer me to a source?

Your articles have taught me a lot and I consider the entire magazine to be worthwhile reading every week. Thanks again. I hope you can find the time to help me on the Lark's Head.

James D. Fitzgerald.

Dear James,

It's my pleasure to help you out on the Lark's Head knot. Your question is a good one because we often assume everyone knows what we are talking about when we mention a certain type of knot without going into detail about it. The Lark's Head knot is simply the knot you get when you pass the loop of a perfection loop or any loop through the eye of a hook. The loop goes through the eye of the hook and is then placed behind the shaft of the hook and then back up to the eye of the hook. That's all there is to it. Check the illustration below and it should be perfectly clear how this knot works. Since you are a subscriber you may also want to go back to Russ Wilson's "Terminal End: Knots," which appeared in Issue 15. That article will give you the rundown on the perfection loop and other important knots.

There is also a fine book on knots by Tom McNally. It's called "Fishermen's Knots," which covers over 150 types of knots. This book is published by Van Nostrand Reinhold, Ltd.

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Dear Doc,

I am a surf fisherman in need of the mailing address for the Bass Masters catalog. I need to order a combination bucket and chair with pockets on the side. This equipment will make it easier for me to walk the beach and still have a free hand for the fish. Thanks.

Stewart Diaz.

Dear Stewart,

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

Each spring I have the same old problem getting my boat trailer ready for the season: my lights don't work. They operate properly when I tow it home in the fall, but when I make the first hook-up of the year, some of the lights don't work at all while others are dim or flash very slowly. I then spend several hours crawling around on the ground or running back and forth between the front of the truck and the rear of the trailer trying to fix t things. Any ideas on how to avoid this spring ritual? *Tom Mantis.*

Dear Tom,

I suspect your problems begin during the summer as you use your trailer to launch your boat into saltwater. The water tends to corrode the wires and the bulb sockets, but since this takes time you may not experience failure until the trailer sits in one place for awhile and the gremlins can work undisturbed.

Corrosion around saltwater is similar to death and taxes; you can't avoid it, but you can postpone it.

Solder all connections if possible. If you can't solder them use a quality solderless connector and the proper crimping tool. This will help keep the corrosion out of the wires. I have used the solderless connection for the past few years and they are still working fine.

The bulb sockets and the bulbs should be removed a couple times a year and sprayed with a light water displacing oil. If you are like me you won't do this as often as you should but at least make it a part of your fall winterizing program.

You should check the routing of your trailer wires to be certain they are not rubbing against the frame which could cause a short. This type of problem can cause you to lose your religion and possibly your sanity before you find the trouble spot. It can also short out the electrical circuits in your tow vehicle further adding to your grief.

Waterproof lights are available for your trailer and the ones I have seen in operation work very well. You could elect to keep your wires above the water by using a new harness that is run down the gunnel of your boat to the lights which are attached to the transom. This entire hook-up is removed before the boat is launched, then reinstalled before you drive back home.

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Dear Eric,

I purchased a Loran C receiver this winter and before I could install it on my boat one of my friends told me the government was going to replace the Loran chain with some sort of satellite navigation system. Have I spent my money on something that will be obsolete in the next year or two?

Sam Bergman.

Dear Sam,

Your friend's report on the death of Loran is somewhat premature. The Coast Guard does plan to drop non US Loran chains by 1992, but will

maintain those along our coast until at least the year 2000. The foreign countries where we currently have Loran stations do have the option of maintaining this service on their own.

Loran C is supposed to be replaced by the Global Positioning System (GPS) which requires 18 satellites placed in orbit around the earth. Several factors make this system unsuitable for the recreational boaters along the coast.

First, it is a military system and while private citizens will be able to use it, the needs of the military will come first. Second, the cost of a receiver capable of decoding the GPS signal is in the $10,000 range, so most of us could not afford one. Finally, there is a problem with the launch schedule for the GPS satellites due to the delay in the space shuttle program.

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Dear Eric,

I am trying to find out what I should do with my 1979, 150 hp Evinrude motor now that the level of lead in gasoline has dropped so low. Last year I used a synthetic lead additive and it seemed to work fine.

A friend of mine has told me this may not be sufficient protection. He suggested that his mechanic remove the heads on my motor and replace the gaskets with thicker ones and reset my timing. He claims this will protect the valves from damage.

Dan Polley.

Dear Dan,

If your motor is a 1979 model you should not have a problem with unleaded fuel. Please contact the Evinrude factory to confirm this. Give them your engine's model and serial number so there can be no doubt about when it was manufactured. Motors made after 1976 or 1977 are supposed to run correctly on low lead or no lead fuel. This is only a generalization and you must check your own motor to be certain it is designed for this type of operation.

Lead additives in gasoline performed two functions. It increased the octane rating and helped to lubricate the valves. The loss of lead creates two problems. The engine runs rough and may pre-detonate due to the lower octane and the valves may burn out due to the loss of lubrication.

Installing a thicker head gasket will reduce the compression ratio and theoretically this will allow your engine to run a lower octane fuel. The timing must be reset after the new gasket is installed due to the lower compression ratio. This job will do nothing to protect your valves from a lack of lubricating lead. It may protect them from damage caused by pre-ignition.

I suggest very strongly that you check with the Evinrude Service Department before letting anyone take your engine apart. Their address is 4134N 27th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216 or call (414) 447-5812.

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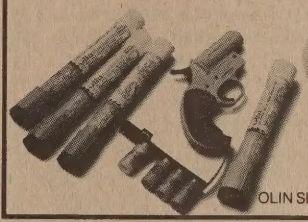

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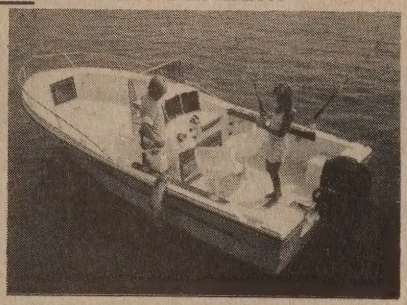

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GREAT SOUTH BAY:

WEAKFISH PROSPECTS

by Fred Golofaro

Despite the lackluster "spring runs" of weakfish that Long Island anglers have come to expect in recent years, few fish enthrall local anglers as do the "yellowfins." Their magnificent looks, the ability to land fish flirting with the 10 lb. mark on tackle better suited to a trout stream, excellent eating qualities and their penchant for protected waters, continue to make them a favorite target of many boatmen.

And while the numbers of weaks in our waters are certainly down, there has never been a better time to land a monster tiderunner. Last spring witnessed more than a few tiderunners in the 14 to 16 lb. class taken by lucky fishermen on Great South Bay. Despite the distortion created by having such a high percentage of weaks fall into the double digit weight class (10 pounds and up), no one should overlook the fact that weakfish which push the scale into the mid-teen range certainly rate as the fish of a lifetime. The possibility of landing a tiderunner of such proportions is enough to fuel the imagination of any red-blooded angler during this spring rite.

While most people continue to talk of declining weakfish runs, there were some encouraging, albeit deceptive, signs on the bay last spring. Though the fishing still deserved to be labelled "a pick" for most people, many veteran bay watchers agree that the 1986 spring run was a considerable improvement over the fishing in 1985. This caught many people by surprise, including several open boat skippers who prior to the season, had planned to drop their evening weakfish runs from their sailing schedules. The unexpected improvement in the fishing was a pleasant surprise for many private boatmen as well. In addition, there was also a mix of smaller weaks in the 3 to 6 pound range which helped improve the frequency of the action. These smaller yellowfins had been pretty much absent during the spring runs of previous years. An early influx of small bay blues also helped fill the time between bouts with large tiderunners.

Why this apparent reversal, however minimal, in the fishing last year? Among my own favorite theories was the considerably diminished gill net effort along the south shore beaches during the spring. This was likely a direct result of the elimination of the commercial striped bass market and it very likely enabled more weakfish to complete their migration and enter our bays. On the negative side, I doubt the increase in the number of fish in the bay was the result of any increase in coastal weakfish stocks.

As I said earlier, not everyone benefitted from last season's improved action on Great South Bay. Should the same scenario develop in 1987, here are a few suggestions that should help you in your quest for a trophy tiderunner.

While some respectable scores were made during the late morning and midday hours, results were generally better for those working early morning or night tides. I've had some of my best weakfish days under a bright midday sun but the lessons of more recent years translate into considerably less boat traffic resulting in

The prospect of landing a trophy size tiderunner continues to draw many anglers to the weakfish game.

better fishing. Early morning and night provide this much needed reprieve. If you must fish during peak periods of boat traffic, make every effort to locate fish away from the fleets normally massed off of Ocean Beach or in West Channel. Sometimes simply working the fringes of the fleet or moving a half mile or so away can make all of the difference in the world. Use your recorder to locate small pods of fish and avoid racing by overhead when returning to make another drift.

Pay attention to tides. Check fishing reports, talk to other anglers and grill your tackleman for any clues that might reveal a preferred stage of the tide. This can vary from season to season, spot to spot and sometimes week to week. Remember that most people are actually referring to current rather than tide so that when you check tide table listings, remember that high water slack at most of the bay's weakfish spots occurs about three hours after the high tide listed in The Fisherman or your daily newspaper. Also, never overlook the slack water periods. Despite the name "tiderunner," I have frequently managed to pick a fish or two on the turn, particularly on slower days.

If it's a big weakfish you want, you must adapt to the "deep and slow" philosophy. While there may be a rare exception during the spring run, the overwhelming majority of fish caught between sunrise and sunset fall to lures or baits being crawled along or just above the bottom. When working small bucktails or leadhead and Jelly Worm combos, I prefer to cast the offering into the direction of my drift. This allows the lure to sink quickly to the bottom where it will remain for the duration of the retrieve. Your retrieve should be just fast enough to keep ahead of the slack created by the boat drifting down on the lure.

If you opt for towing a sandworm, bucktail, Jelly Worm or rubber shrimp in the wake of your drifting boat, make sure you feed back enough line (scope) to keep your offering deep and in the strike zone.

If a big weak is your priority, then concentrate on weakfish only. Many anglers make the mistake of switching their attention to blues when they find themselves in the midst of a school of breaking choppers. If you can get your offering down to the bottom and keep it there (it may cost you a few Jelly Worms), you have an excellent chance of connecting with a weakfish. Big weaks are notorious for picking up the pieces left by marauding bluefish schools.

I have often been accused of being an eternal optimist and I won't waste any time denying it. So, for what it's worth, I expect we will see a fair pick of weakfish on the bay this spring, but I doubt there will be any consistency to the fishing until at least the tenth of May. Best of all, you can be sure that there will be some weaks of record size proportions prowling the confines of Great South Bay this spring.

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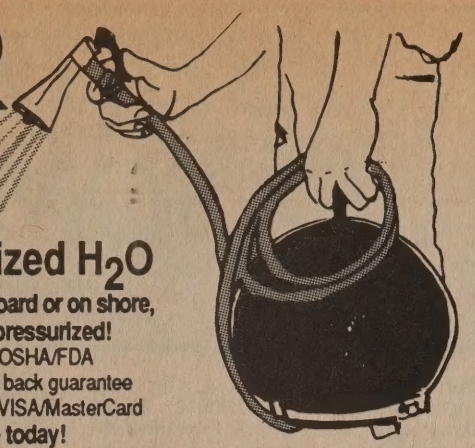

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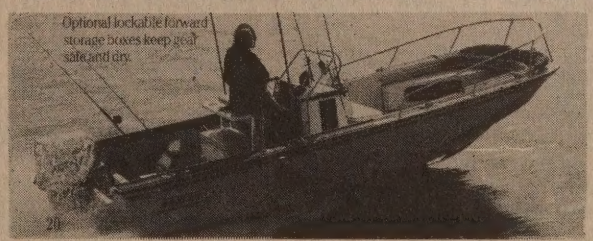

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STATEN ISLAND: SEASONAL OUTLOOK

by Rich Giessuebel

Surrounded by some of the best fishing waters in the northeast, Staten Island sits like a sentinel guarding the lower New York City harbor. Connected to Brooklyn via the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, the island's waters teem with fish seasonally. In the south, the Raritan Reach located in the Raritan Bay is a summer hotspot. The area annually supports hordes of bluefish and weakfish all summer long. While in another southern area, Princess Bay, weakfish and fluke seem to be the major species. From mid-island north to the Narrows and the lower New York City Bay, fluke, blues, stripers, weakfish and flounder seem to be the principal species.

Making things more interesting, Staten Island isn't so large that you can't fish both the north and south in a single day. The island is less than 15 miles long. It's also only minutes away from many north Jersey or New York City locations. So, to find out more about this great fishing ground so close to home, stay tuned.

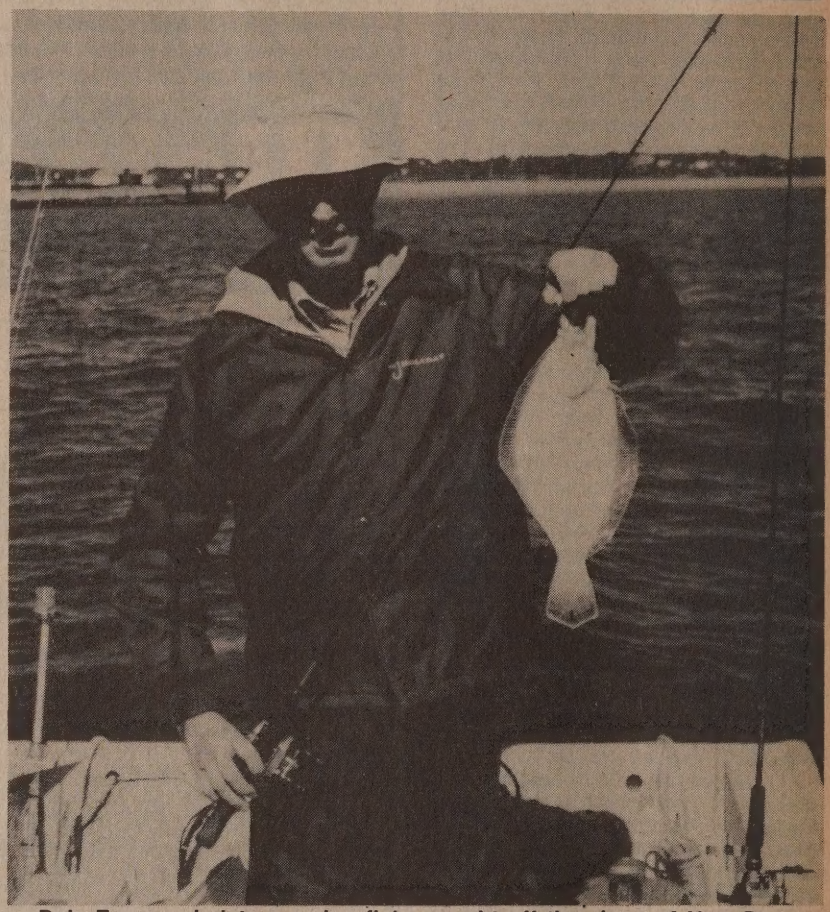
To give you some idea of just how to fish this island and the smorgasbord of species available, follow this short description of a fishing trip my friend Dale Franzwa and I took one day last summer. Then we'll switch around to the season and project where the best fishing should take place this year.

"Well, Dale, where do you suggest we start fishing," I asked Dale, who's a long time resident and fisherman of Staten Island.

"Let's begin up along the West Bank and fish between Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. There are some good dropoffs in this area and fluking has been quite good," Dale commented. "We can always head south for the Dentral Works in Princess Bay and do some bluefishing if things don't warm up here."

Well, here it was summer and we had a choice. We could go for bluefish or fluke. Our plans carried us to the area known as the West Bank and we fished along South Beach and between the two islands. As we prepared to fish, Dale readied a strip of fluke belly he had made and preserved on a previous trip. I readied a 1/4 ounce purple bucktail, onto which I affixed a fat two inch live killie.

On our first drift, Dale immediately hooked into a big fluke and I into a striped bass. As the morning progressed, we totalled over 25 fluke of which 10 were of keeper proportions.



Dale Franzwa hoists a spring fluke caught off the shore of New Dorp Beach.

That is, they were over the 14 inch minimum length limit placed upon them by the New York State Department of Environmental Protection. The five pound striper was photographed and returned to the water unharmed to fight another day.

About noon, we headed south along New Dorp Beach, past Great Kills Park and set up again just off the Dental Works in Princess Bay. There we could see pockets of bluefish coming up to the surface and chasing scattering clumps of spearing all over the bay. We quickly readied two rods and began casting one ounce Ava diamond jigs into the commotion. We caught and released so many 1 to 2 lb. bluefish that we could have sunk the boat.

So goes a day along Staten Island. Not to mention that all during the time we were fishing for fluke and blues, there were guys connecting with big tiderunner weakfish right outside Great Kills Harbor all the way to Great Kills light which is about a half a mile off the beach. When we returned to the dock, weakfish were being cleaned everywhere.

You may think that this day just described was an exception. True, as far as the weakfishing goes, they were a bonus. But the fluke and blues put on their show daily and to expect '87 to be any different would be highly unlikely. I've been fishing the island for over 10 years now and each season seems to get better than the previous one.

As far as what to expect, look for good flounder fishing to begin the

moment the water begins to warm. A few good sunny days and flatties will be caught all along the breakfront in Great Kills Park (be certain to pick up a permit to fish the park from the National Parks and Recreational Center located in New Dorp just up the beach). You can launch into the bay just opposite the Staten Island Bait and Tackle Shop at the bottom of Cleveland Avenue off Hylan Blvd. Under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge flounder will also be caught, primarily on worms and on the warmer outgoing tide.

As spring wanes and the days begin getting longer and warmer, weakfish, bluefish and fluke make their entry into the coastal waters. Big stripers then will also be available for anglers fishing under the Verrazano Bridge. Trolling and live bunker dunking provide most of the action.

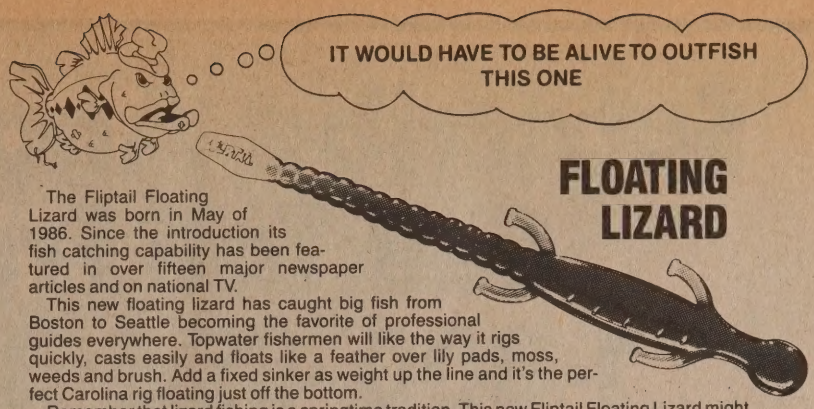
In summer, bluefish and fluke are caught around the island, while weakfish become less predictable but make appearances in the mouth of Great Kills Harbor, under the Verrazano, along the beaches (especially late in the evening), and along "Red Bank Reach" which is the western end of the Raritan Bay Channel.

Good fishing locations from south to north are: The Reach, between the island and Key Port (N.J.), the rock pile "20" on the West Reach, Round Shoal in Princess Bay, the various dropoffs found outside Great Kills Harbor, Great Kills Harbor entrance and light, Old Orchard Shoal and Light, New Dorp, Midland, South Beach and the islands of Hoffman and Swinburne. Of course, within easy reach are the waters found under the Verrazano, Gravesend Bay, Coney Island, Romer Shoals, and Sandy Hook.

As the fall approaches, look for good to excellent bluefishing with slammer blues approaching 20 lbs. crashing the beaches and reaches found around the island. Fluke fishing is now at its best for size since the fish have had all summer long to put on several layers of fat and meat to last them through the often lean and hungry winter months ahead. Fluke in the 5 lb. range become quite common.

In the fall just about anywhere is good to fish with perhaps the area of South Beach providing the most potential for a good catch. If I were going out, I'd fish very much like my opening story indicated. I'd begin along South Beach and if things were quiet, I'd head further south. Then stop outside Great Kills and wind up somewhere between Jersey and the Island.

In the winter, flounder remain available, during the milder portions of the season, along with stripers. The bass must be returned, but catching them will often warm things up. So, if you're interested in a productive day's fishing, the Island has yet to disappoint me and I hope you can get to some of these locations and see for yourself that Staten Island is a super place to fish. Good luck!



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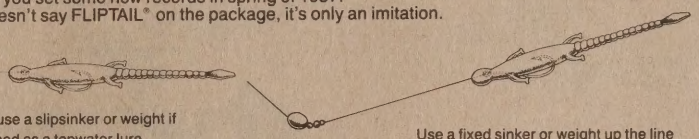

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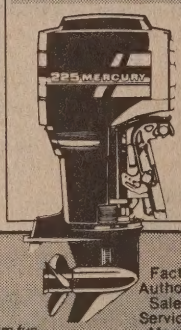

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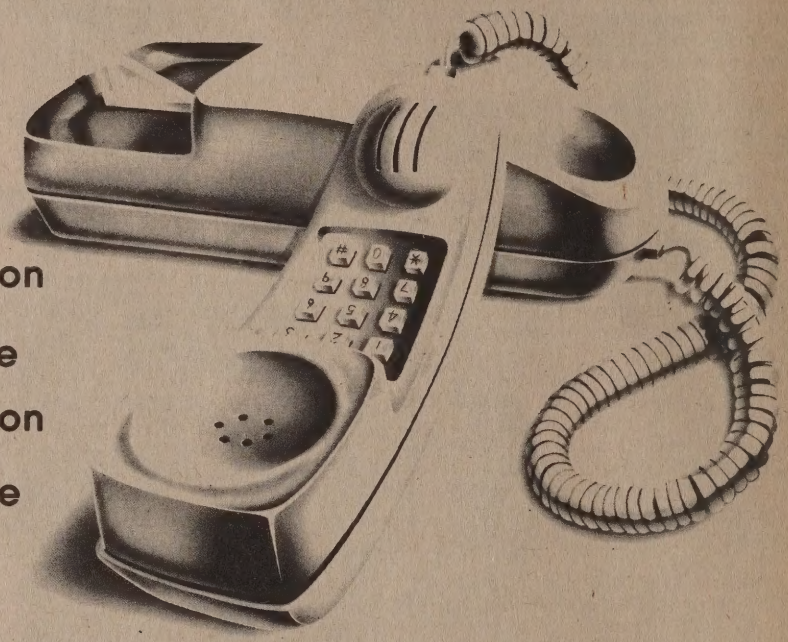

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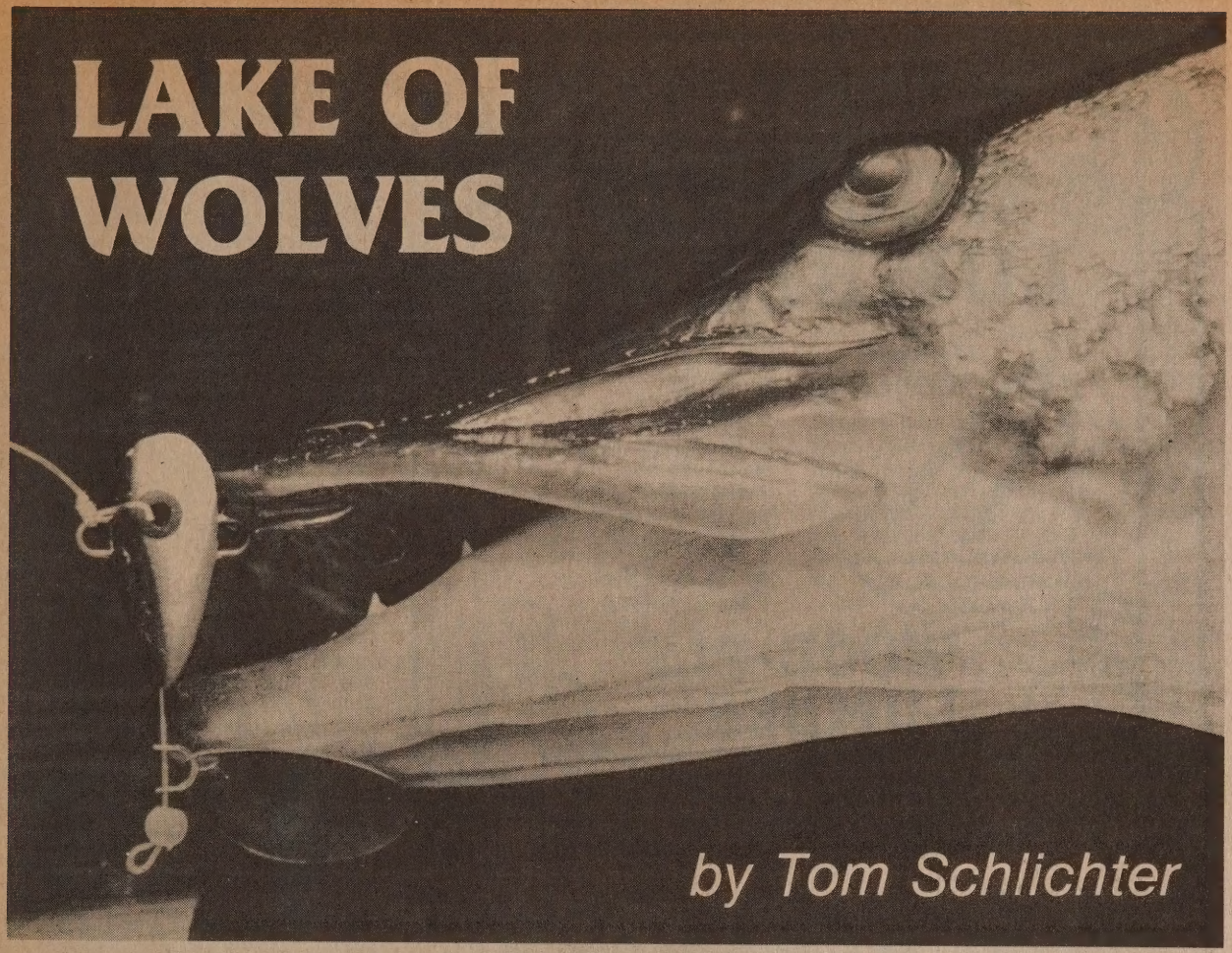

by Tom Schlichter

Once the water had settled back to its mirror-like glaze, I twitched the lure lightly, just enough to turn its head and make it kiss the stump. A count of four and I began a slow retrieve. The Rapala nosed under and a huge swirl materialized to the right. In one swift and violent boil, a monstrous chain pickerel engulfed the lure and rolled on the surface. I set the hook hard and felt it penetrate the bony jaws. Even though I could not see the fish's face, I could sense its momentary dismay and then downright anger at the minnow-shaped piece of plastic now paining its jaws.

The rod took on a full bend as the fish bore hard to the right and the 4 pound test line never seemed to look more like a fragile silken thread than it did that morning. I was really in a no-win situation and it didn't take a genius to recognize my dilemma. The only way to get the big fish into shore was to drag it between the two bushes directly in front of me. The chances for success with such a maneuver were slim and none—and slim had just left.

Briefly, I entertained thoughts of wading out past the dead sticks, but the water would be too deep and besides, I knew the bottom of the lake in that area was covered with at least two feet of mud. I would have to hold my ground and pray. Miraculously, the pickerel fought directly behind the bushes, never moving far enough right or left to break me off.

"Make him work. Make him work, make him work," I began to chant to myself.

My only chance was to get that fish so tired it wouldn't have the strength to dive into the bushes as I brought it home. I loosened up on the drag and allowed the tiring lunker to make two more runs. It was exhausted now and could barely push hard enough to strip any more line. Cautiously, I made my move. With a steady pull on the rod, I turned the fish's head and with a smooth rhythm calculated not to spook the beast further, began to retrieve it through the tiny channel. I could see its eyes, nasty and mean—and then the lure, stuck to the huge jaws by barbs from the back and middle treble. The eye and clinch knot were safely out of reach of those needle sharp teeth and I began to feel a sense of confidence welling up inside of me. A magnificent predator, I knew it had to be close to 6 pounds in weight. The fish was coming easily now as it neared the bushes, but as I knew it would, with one last powerful surge, it dove for the left bush and in less than a second had severed the line.

The parting was not unexpected, however, and although I was disheartened, I was happy to have tangled with such a beauty. I retrieved the limp mono and watched for a few seconds as the tiny whirlpools from the fish's last flurry slowly spun themselves into oblivion. Complete calm returned to the lake and within a minute or two, there was no evidence of the battle, save for the forlorn look on my face and the frayed end of mono hanging loosely from the rod tip. My thoughts now centered on the lure in the pickerel's mouth and the hope that the trebles would soon rust out.

Artist Lake (located on the south side of Rt. 25 in Middle Island) has long been one of my favorite early season pickerel haunts, even before the above scene was played out last spring. I've been working this lake for about five years now and continue to do so on a regular basis, occasionally stopping before or after work to get in a few casts. I've always found the pickerel in this particular body of water to be extremely cooperative—probably more so than on any other body of water I've fished, save the Peconic River. In fact, it's a good bet that any angler skilled in the art of pickereling can take two or three of these predators on most spring or fall mornings. Often, I've watched with a smile as a youngster, casting plugs with dad, nails his first real game fish here. It really is a pretty lake with easy access and an abundance of

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The hottest action on this lake generally takes place during the first month following the season opener (the first Saturday in May). After that, pickerel fishing slows noticeably until late September when catches again pick up. The major reason for the lull probably has to do more with problems in presenting bait or lures to the quarry than with a lack of feeding activity, for Artist Lake is cursed with unbearable weed growth. In fact, the weeds, primarly myrilphyllum (parrot feather) are such a problem that, in some years, the DEC adds a dark blue dye to the water to cut down their growth. The dye helps keep the weeds from completely taking over the lake but, according to DEC Senior Aquatic Biologist Charlie Guthrie, poses no danger to fish or fishermen and will not stain your clothes, gear or person. The dye is vegetable based, as is food coloring and is added only in enough quantity to prevent the weeds from fully utilizing sunlight. It does not work on plants that grow above the water (such as lily pads) and is not usually added to waters with inflows or outflows because it would dilute too quickly. As of this writing, it was not known if the dye will be added this season. Even with the addition of the dye, however, I usually give up looking for pickerel here by late June.

Although I often use a 4 pound test spinning outfit when working this lake, 6 or 8 pound test setups are much more practical when pickerel are the quarry. These fish are powerful and it not played carefully, can easily bust you off. Also, the heavy weeds are a constant hindrance. Lastly, pickerel possess a formidable set of dentures which can quickly sever even heavy line. A smooth, properly adjusted drag will help alleviate the first problem; medium strength gear, the second. The last is best dealt with through the use of 10 to 12 lb. test mono leaders.

Quite a few lures and baits are effective on Artist Lake pickerel. As far as the artificials go, my favorite producer is a small, trout finished Rebel or Rapala brand floating plug. Don't ask me why the trout finish works so well. Since there are no trout living in the lake, I'm just as perplexed as the next guy. Through several years of experimentation, however, this pattern has consistently outproduced all others. Perhaps it has something to do with decreased visibility due to the weed control dye added to the lake. In

any case, you'll find these lures work best on calm mornings or evenings. I like to cast them out, wait for the rings to clear completely and then twitch them very lightly once or twice before beginning my retrieve. The pickerel rarely hit on the twitch, as bass do from time to time. Rather, they like to smack the lure just after it dives completely under the surface. Aside from the trout finish, I've also had some luck with light blue patterns. The traditional black and white or black and silver finishes haven't really done much for me here.

Spinners are also quite effective. I mostly use them on days when the wind slightly roughs up the surface and have taken quite a few fish on small Mepps (Black Fury or Aglia) and Panther Martins. These should also be worked sporadically and you'll often find that following a cast on which a fast retrieve was made with one about half as quick will provoke strikes from fish you never knew were on the prowl. While we're on the subjects of spinners, let me stray just a little to spinnerbaits. I've never had much luck here with most safety pin lures but one, Johnson's Chummin' Minnow with Flavorol, has produced consistent results. Use the 1/4 or 1/8 ounce size and work them with a steady, medium speed retrieve. Aside from producing a few pickerel, this lure also cleans up on the many nice sized crappies that inhabit the lake.

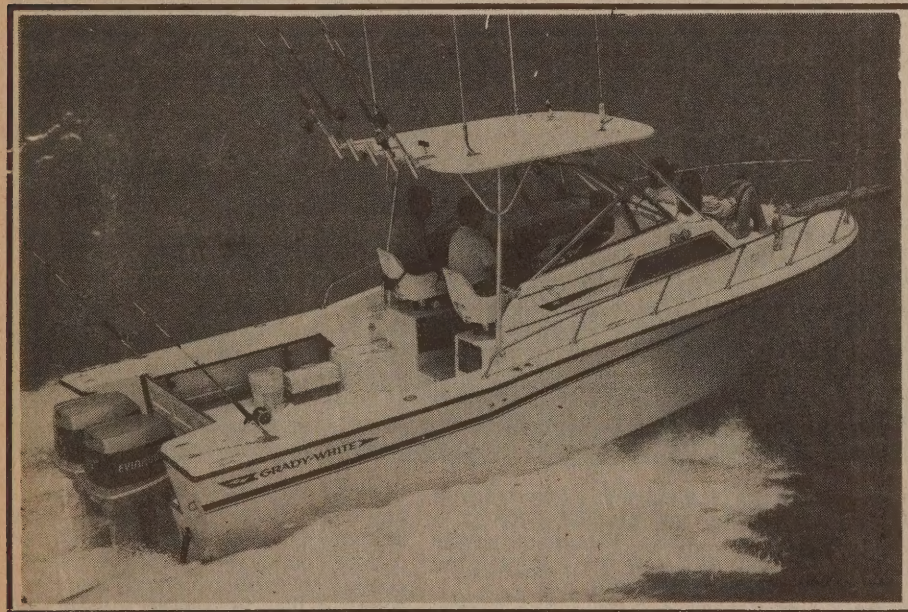
No discussion of pickerel fishing would be complete without the mention of spoons. Virtually any gold, silver, or red/white spoon of a 1/4 ounce or less will take pickerel here. The old standbys, Dardevles, Sprites, etc., are probably your best bets, but others will work well, too. The limitation to working spoons here is, of course, the heavy weed cover. Thus, you'll find early season action to be the least frustrating and most productive.

Bait fishermen will find live killies the ticket to success. A single beak or claw style hook (size #4 to #2 depending on bait size) inserted just below the dorsal fin is the way to go. Make sure you don't hook the baitfish too deeply. The key to enticing these freshwater wolves is having a lively bait parading around. Killies that are hooked too deep will simply die and sink to the bottom. Although I usually shun their use, a bobber set two feet above the hook may help keep the bait out of the weeds.

The best spring pickerel fishing usually occurs in shallow water—often less than three feet deep. Keep in mind that deep, open water produces few pickerel. Try to concentrate your efforts around submerged brush, the edge of weed beds, alongside sunken logs and at the tips of the several small points that jut out into the lake. Mornings, evenings and cloudy days produce the best action.

The fishing at Artist Lake has held steady over the five years that I've been working it. This lake, however, does see a good deal of fishing pressure. In order to keep the action up to par, I feel it's very important to practice catch and release tactics. Since pickerel are rather bony and not considered one of the best tasting of Long Island's game fish, I suggest you release all you catch unless you land a real whopper. Of course, there's nothing wrong with bringing one home for the table from time to time, but I think if we put most of the fish back, this lake can handle the fishing pressure. Also, please note that any pickerel less than 15 inches long must, by law, be returned inharmed. The creel limit is 5 fish per day.

By the way, that big fish I described at the opening of this article is probably still stalking the shoreline there. What makes me so sure? Well, several days after the battle, I walked into a tackle shop to pick up a new Rapala. When I mentioned that I had lost mine on a nice pickerel, the proprietor told me that an angler had been in just before, talking about a pickerel as long as a log—with a small trout finished Rapala dangling from its lip. I'm sure the hooks have rusted free by now, but if you happen to see a pickerel as large as the one described above prowling the banks of Artist lake this spring, check for a double scar on the right jaw. If it's there, hold your cast, that one's MINE!



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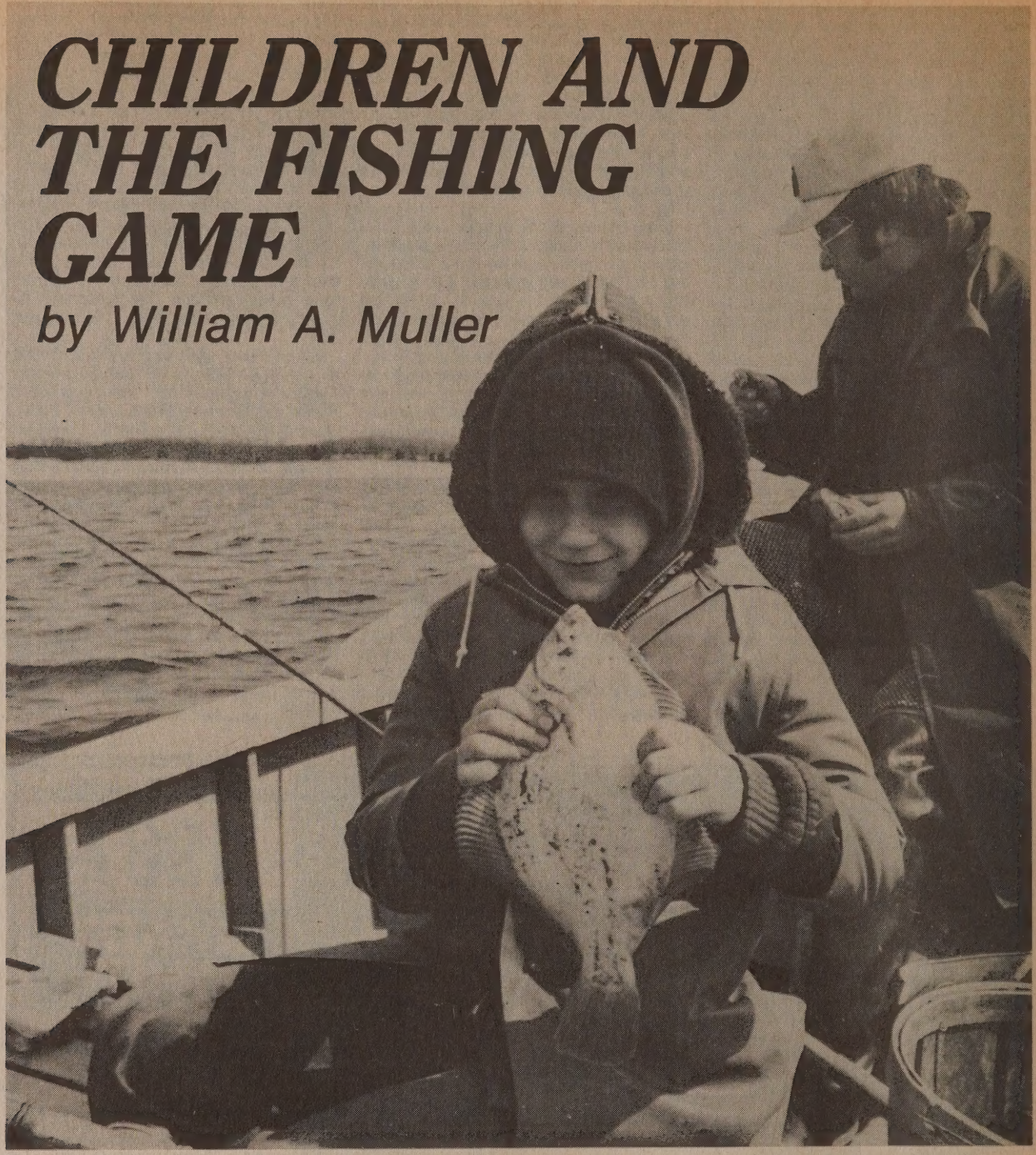

I'm gonna make a flat-out statement. That isn't unusual, since I have a reputation for bluntness. Yet, in recent years I've tried to harness my tongue a bit in the interest of better communication. However, I'll make this statement because I doubt anyone will take exception. The statement: the future of fishing rests with our children! Anyone want to argue?

I mean that in an expansive way. That is, it will be our children who will inherit the responsibility of fisheries management and habitat protection; it will be today's kids who will make decisions that will affect access; it will be the kids who will shape the future of the industry; and it will be us who have the greatest say in how many of our children will become involved in saltwater fishing. The more people involved, the larger the voice and the more we can get done.

How many youngsters will become fishermen is being determined now, by today's adults. That's one of the reasons The Fisherman "Send-A-Kid Fishing" program is so important. I don't know how many of you get to watch fishing shows on TV, but there's one I particularly like for a number of reasons. One of these reasons is that the show, "Fishin' Hole," with Jerry McKinnis, spends a part of the hour on young anglers. There is the segment called "Fishin' Buddies," where he shows photos of kids with their fish catches, and another that addresses itself to raising money for involving handicapped children in fishing. Jerry recognizes how important it is to get young people acquainted with fishing as a wholesome outdoor activity that helps build character and confidence in young people. If you'd like to make a contribution to Jerry's effort you can send it to: The Fishin' Hole, c/o Jerry McKinnis, 1507 Cumberland St., Little Rock, AR 72202. Jerry's Special Olympics is an idea worth supporting.

In addition to urging you to support programs such as Send-A-Kid and Special Olympics, I have another

reason for mentioning Jerry's show. I think his show is a great way to begin to introduce children to fishing. A youngster can learn a lot about techniques, safety, conservation, and fishing manners from the show. This can be especially effective after taking a child fishing for the first time. Once the appetite has been properly, and I stress properly, whet, a child may get cabin fever in the winter just like you and me. So, on a rainy, snowy, or just plain frigid winter Sunday morning, a young angler looking forward to the new season might enjoy watching the show on ESPN with adult fishermen.

Let's get back to those first few fishing trips. How you organize and structure those first few trips will make all the difference in the world whether a youngster will take to fishing or reject it. Let me be clear, not all children will like fishing no matter what you do, or how many fish they catch. I've got two boys. One is a man now, but since the time he was out of diapers he would go fishing for anything, any time, anywhere and at the drop of a hat. He's still at it today. He's as much at home on a trout stream as he is in the surf. He's a good fisherman, too, and a fine person. My youngest is an adolescent now and also a fine human being, but he never took to fishing. To this day he can take it or leave it. Sure, he goes fishing, since dad is doing it so often. It doesn't matter whether he catches a fish or not, the profound interest in the sport just isn't there. He'll have a good enough time with me fishing, but he'll also put down the rod in the middle of a blitz and go to sleep. However, he has other outdoor interests. I tell you this because for some, the keen interest will never develop. Let it rest and don't insist that your offspring become an avid angler.

However, for those who do express a desire, there are some do's and don'ts suggestions. These, like many of the things I write about aren't all my own invention, rather the accumulation of thoughts from many thoughtful and experienced fisherpeople.

For most youngsters, the sound or bay is a better place to launch a fishing career than the surf or offshore. Surf fishing is frequently too demanding of a child and the rewards are usually meager. The pursuit of offshore denizens usually involves long journeys, rough water, physically demanding battles and a lot of dead time. Dead time is probably an adult's worst enemy when introducing a child to fishing. Flounder is a good species to start a kid off into fishing, especially at peak season and in good weather. Snappers are probably the fastest way to get a child involved and keep them involved. Snappers are plentiful, cooperative and respond to a variety of techniques. You typically don't need a lot of finesse to catch them either. Children, especially real young ones, aren't as coordinated as they will be in a few years. Where long and accurate casts are needed, or a lure presentation that is precise is needed, children usually can't sustain a good effort, so that type of fishing should be avoided. However, flounder and snappers aren't very demand of skill and coordination. Incidentally, I'm advised to point out that an adult shouldn't be concerned about the size of the flounder. Take the child to a spot where there is an abundant supply of flatfish, even if they are postage stamps, because to a child that first fish or two will be monsters. Save the hunt of sea monsters for another day when you take a buddy. As the child grows they will naturally seek more challenges in fishing, but for the meantime catching is an important item.

Never yell at a child. That may be a tall order and probably impossible, so let me amend it. Try to patiently teach the child and avoid both yelling and belittling. Try to make the child feel that they are getting better all the time and doing a good job. That way your instruction will seem like embellishment rather than criticism.

Answer a child's question thoughtfully, but always seem interested. Avoid saying things like, "Yeah, sure, whatever you want!" or "Can't you do that for yourself?" Instead try saying something like, "Why not try that idea out and we'll see who catches more fish!" or "I think you've learned enough where you're ready to do that by yourself. Don't worry, I'll watch you." Much more positive, don't you think?

Perhaps you're new to saltwater fishing, too. That means there will be a tackle short-fall. When a family decides to take up fishing, the initial expense can set a family back a bit. Thus, there is the inclination to purchase less expensive tackle, but that could also mean you'll be settling for tackle that doesn't work as well as better gear and may wear out faster, necessitating early replacement. I suggest you go to your local bait and tackle dealer and let these knowledgeable and experienced folks help you pick out the best tackle for the best price. That way, you get functional gear that will stand up and you won't be buying a top of the line luxury model that you may not need. However, it is important that you provide children with gear that works. A drag that fails, a bail arm that won't move and a rod that cracks might turn a youngster off. Then, too, a child who sees adults with good tackle will wonder why he or she is using the rusty and corroded gear.

There are many more suggestions, and I'm sure once you are into the process you'll discover them for yourself. However, I'm running out of space for this article and I would like to urge all adults to make sure each and every child wears a Coast Guard approved life vest while in a boat or fishing from a dock or pier. Fishing is fun for children of all ages, but let's also keep it safe.

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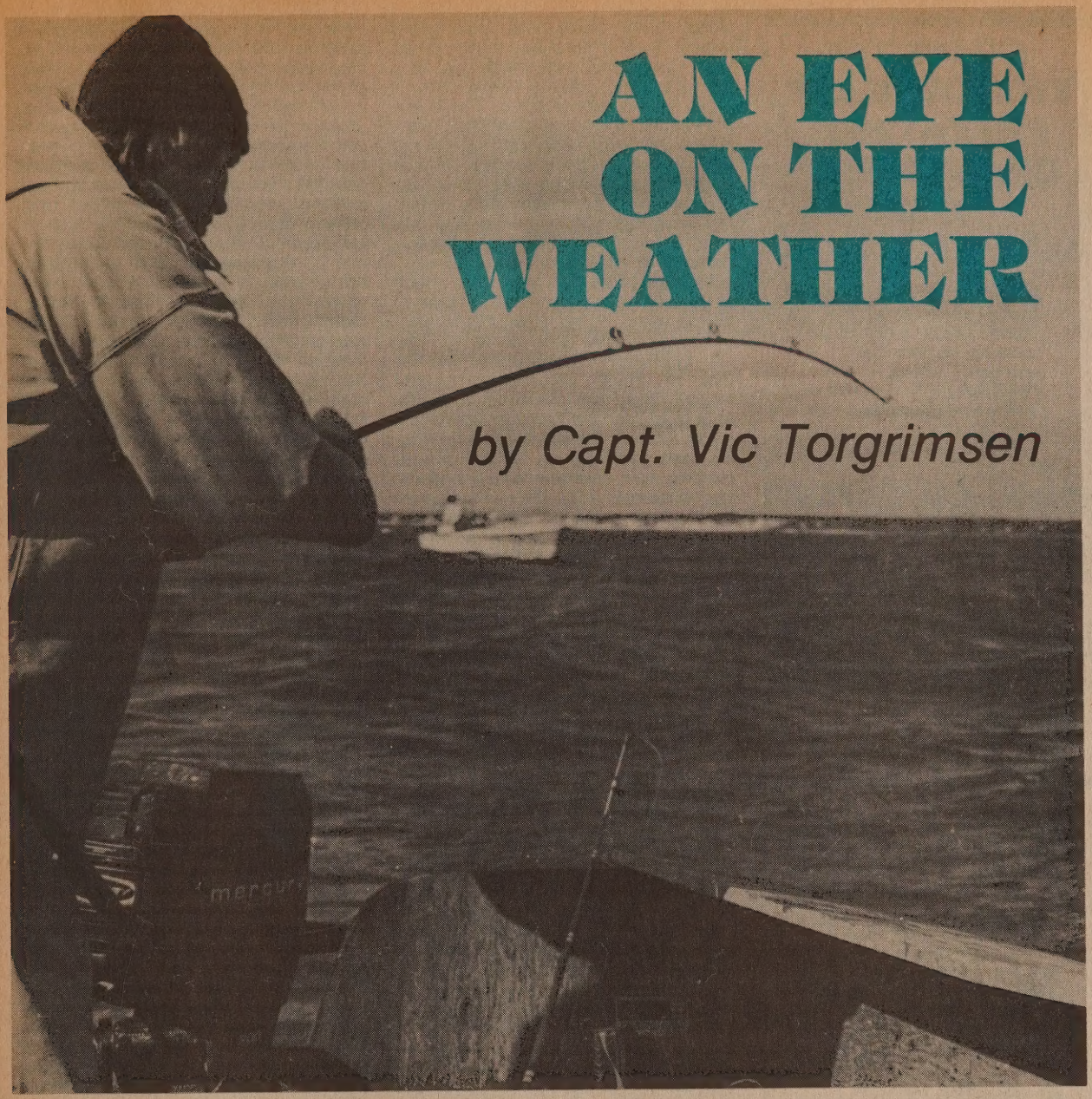
AN EYE ON THE WEATHER

by Capt. Vic Torgrimsen



Fortunately, many anglers today are lucky enough to avoid foul weather offshore and have been spared the brutality Mother Nature has to offer. But still with more and more boats going further and further offshore, the inevitable is bound to happen.

"Getting caught," as it might be phrased, can be a true test of one's seamanship. Unfortunately, many of today's anglers are under the misconception that good seamanship is a by-product of fishing and are leading themselves into a dangerous situation. No matter how well you feel you can lay out those trolling lures, or how fast you can locate those wrecks, or know exactly where those makos are hiding, you're still prone to getting caught. Unless, of course, you take some careful precautions.

Avoidance, of course, is your greatest weapon. A good investment is picking up a radio that receives the marine weather band forecasts (NOAA weather radio 162.55 mHz). Most marine stores or Radio Shack carry these type of radios and they are fairly inexpensive. Of course, these forecasts are not always accurate, as we all well know, but they do lend a helping hand.

From years of listening to these forecasters attempting to give accurate information, I've found that on days where they use such terminology as "it might rain," "chance of showers," or "we could have," should tip you off as to not taking ant chances with extended or distant offshore trips. Of course, some of these days turn out to be the most gorgeous of all, but until we get better and more accurate forecasting methods, risks should be minimized. Probably the biggest injustice of all, which is bestowed upon the fisherman, is the five day forecast. Day to day forecasting is tough enough, but to give out unrealiable future weather predictions, in which some fishermen plan extended offshore ventures.

Recently NOAA was held liable for the lives of several lobstermen who were killed off Georges Banks a couple of years ago. Due to a faulty weather buoy offshore (whose wind meter was broken) which resulted in an inaccurate forecast and allowed the men to leave for the offshore grounds. The forecast was not as predicted and a storm developed to make matters worse. The 50 foot steel vessel pitched-poled over and was sent into oblivion with its crew.

Briefly getting into weather systems, there are a few basic rules that might help many anglers. "Winds from the east, fishing is least. Winds from the west, fishing is best." You've probably heard these expres-

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sions many times and you could almost make a good bet that it holds true. Circulating east winds around a low pressure, usually bring with it moist, damp, wet weather. There is a noticeable drop in barometric pressure, which indicates the low moving into the area. A good rule to follow is that a barometer dropping .05 inches of mercury every hour bears watching, as winds might increase and foul weather might follow (we all carry barometers on board, right?).

Without getting into too much detail, there are some basic rules to follow when using your barometer. First of all are the words, "Fair-Change-Rain," that appear on the face of many barometers bought today. These are comparable to the idiot lights on your car dashboard and mean little in the way of forecasting. To base your trip on the barometer reading fair weather could become very uncomfortable. It's not the actual barometric pressure that's important when trying to predict what might happen weather wise, it's the direction and rate of change of pressure. A falling barometer with winds from the east quadrants usually indicates foul weather. On the other hand, a rising barometer with winds shifting to west quadrants, usually means clearing and fair weather. The National Weather Service general rule is that " "When the wind sets in from points between south and southeast and the barometer falls steadily, a storm is approaching from the west or northwesterly and its center will pass near or north of the observer within 12 to 24 hours, with the wind shifting to northwest by way of south and southwest." In retrospect, when the wind sets in from points between east and northeast and the barometer falls steadily, a storm is approaching from the south or southwest and its center will pass near or to the south of the observer within the same time period, with the wind shifting to the northwest by way of north. The rapidity of the storm's approach and its intensity will be indicated by the rate and amount of fall in the barometer. Try to get into a good habit of setting your barometer before you leave and read it at regular intervals. Most of all try to keep a record of these readings. Also try to remember these basic points, that a rapidly falling barometer forecasts the development of strong winds. The reasoning behind this is that a falling barometer indicates the approach or development of a low and the pressure gradient is usually steep in the neighborhood of a low pressure center. Also remember that a rising barometer is associated with the prospect of lighter winds to come. The reasoning behind this is mainly because a rising barometer indicates the approach or development of a high and the pressure gradient is characteristically small in the neighborhood of a high pressure center.

All this doesn't mean that we should stay home, as sometimes in-between the change of weather systems from low to high pressure or vice versa, there is sometimes a slack period along the frontal boundaries, which can lead to calm winds and along with it calm seas. (Perhaps the calm before the storm?) Of course, this changes drastically and getting caught in an approaching front can be a nightmare. Years ago before this canyon fishing took on such a rush, I can recall drifting with my father in our 30 foot wooden skiff along the dropoffs at the edge of the shelf where the shallower shoal water meets with the vast depths of the canyon. Probably the most dangerous location to fish, these dropoffs cause the ocean to surge under various conditions and can create a large scale rip tide similar to the ones we have close inshore. Unfortunately, these are the better areas to fish, as these dropoffs create large walls leading down to the bottom of the canyons which trap baitfish and render them helpless in the powerful tidal surges that occur. Tuna and other game fish were in on this secret way before us and your best bet for finding them would primarily be in these areas.

Well, while drifting one night under ideal conditions, the weather suddenly turned. The wind began blowing out of the north-northeast and the ocean began to surge in a matter of minutes. For some, the first instinct would be to head for home, but we took a southerly course, perhaps anticipating a run into Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey in an easier following sea. Lo and behold the deeper we got into the canyon the calmer the seas got and it actually reached a point where we could put our nose into it, lay out the storm anchor and just wait it out. So fishing in-between weather systems, either going from high pressure to low pressure or where the forecast calls for a lot of frontal activity approaching or moving about, is a risk that the angler must be prepared for.

Winds should also be given some consideration when forecasting your trips. A basic rule that I've been following for years now, is known to many as the crosswinds rule. The rule states as follows: standing with your back to the wind and if the upper winds (or clouds, as we shall call them) come from the left hand, then the weather will generally deteriorate. If while standing with your back to the wind and if the upper winds come from the right hand, the weather will normally improve. Finally, if while standing with your back to the wind and if the clouds move on a parallel course, the weather will normally not change very much. Remember, these basic rules are not for forecasting tomorrow's weather, but are mainly for the next few hours or half a day, depending on what sort of cloud is in the sky when the forecast is being made.

Probably one of the toughest jobs of today's anglers is trying to predict what's going on out there in the ocean

while he's standing on dry land. Careful record keeping of what's going on inland has helped me many times offshore. The following criteria is not gospel, but may help many anglers avoid a bad trip. With a calm wind, you may notice smoke rising vertically from a stack or limp flags. The sea is usually smooth and mirror-like, with what the Beaufort scale (measures wind velocity) calls light air, or winds from 1 to 3 knots. With winds from 3 to 5 knots, you may notice the direction of the wind shown by smoke drifts, but not by weather vanes. The sea has scale-like ripples, but without foam crests. Waves are usually less than a foot. With a light breeze, or wind speeds of 5 to 7 knots, the angler might feel the wind on his face while standing inland. Leaves may rustle and ordinary weather vanes may be moved. Waves are usually about one foot and the crests have a glassy appearance but no foam is seen. With a gentle breeze of 7 to 10 knots, leaves and small twigs are in constant motion. The wind may even extend light flags. We may now observe large wavelets, usually 1 to 3 feet. The crests begin to break and scattered whitecaps appear. With a moderate breeze of 11 to 16 knots on land, we might observe small branches being moved and dust and loose paper being raised. On the water we see small waves becoming longer and usually 3 to 4 feet in height. There's fairly frequent whitecaps now. Next we have a fresh breeze of about 17 to 20 knots. Here small trees in leaf begin to sway and garbage can covers usually are blown off. Here moderate waves up to 6 feet, taking a more pronounced long form are usually developed, with many whitecaps. There is even a chance of some spray. From the fresh breeze we go to the strong breeze of usually 22 to 29 knots. Here we can observe large tree branches in motion. There may be a whistling in overhead wires, traffic lights may sway and umbrellas are used with difficulty. Waves here begin to approach 10 feet in height, with large waves beginning to form. The whitecap crests are more extensive everywhere and there is noticeable spray. Lastly, for this article, is the near gale, with winds of 29 to 33 knots. On land the angler may observe whole trees in motion and even an inconvenience felt when walking against the wind. Here waves may approach 15 feet in height, as the sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind. We can go further, but unless you own the Queen Mary, I wouldn't suggest leaving port.

Hopefully this article might help many anglers avoid taking a beating offshore. Of course, nothing is guaranteed to occur as stated and the final discretion is left to the individual captain, but a few insights into the ever changing weather may be enough to help you avoid ever "getting caught" on a nasty ocean.

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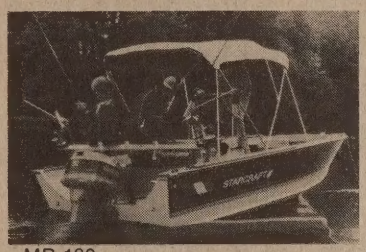

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GARDEN OF FLATTIES

by Gerald Hahn

At the last minute, Harry and I jumped aboard a party boat in eastern Long Island. It was a damp, windy morning in early May. The reason for our lateness was that Harry's boat, a 20½ foot Glastron powered with a Johnson 150, had konked out and was in repair. We had then contemplated a rental skiff in the Peconics, but the weather report was not optimistic. After a hectic morning—having begun at dawn—we decided to try a party boat for flounder. By the time we arrived, all the best spots were taken and we wound up amidships on the starboard side. The spot turned out to be better than expected.

The boat departed around 7:30AM and within 45 minutes we reached the fishing grounds on the northeast side of Gardiner's Island. We hadn't fished there more than a half hour, however, when a stiff wind suddenly turned the water to froth and sent us scurrying back to Peconic Bay. Gardiner's Bay certainly is deceptive. On a calm day, it resembles a glassy pond, but a change of weather makes it rival the Atlantic Ocean.

Bundled against a spring chill, an angler swings aboard a double of Gardiner's flatties.

We did a slow pick while anchored at various spots in the Peconics, the fish averaging about a pound. Then, as the wind subsided, we headed back to Gardiner's for larger flatfish: snowshoes weighing 1½ to 2½ pounds. A mixed bag of flounder size is typical out east, with the pleasant thought that the postage stamps are being mailed elsewhere. Here, in fact, many people throw back flounder weighing 3/4 pounds.

Bottom rigs vary somewhat, however. When fishing at anchor in a calm spot in Peconic Bay or Napeague Harbor, a 2 ounce bank sinker is adequate. At Gardiner's, though, Harry and I discovered that most of the fishing is performed from a drifting boat. Here a 4 ounce sinker is necessary to hold the rig close to the bottom. As for hooks, #8 Chestertown, which are slightly larger than the #10s used for small flounder in other bays, are favored. The long shank of this hook makes it easy to remove from the flounder's small mouth. Other people favor Beaks, Sprots or Carlisles in comparable sizes. Two of these hooks, snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 pound test, are tied together, the end of one snell to the middle of the other. A snap swivel at the end of the running line holds the tandem tied hooks as well as the sinker. This way, everything stays right on the bottom where flounder hop around and glide.

One reason why Harry and I did better than expected was the extra bait we had brought along: sand worms. Most of the time you can get away with a succulent bank mussel here, which is provided by the mate. There are days, however, when the flounder want variety. In fact, that day the flounder wanted such variety that even a whole sand worm, threaded on the hook by itself, failed to attract them. What turned the trick was a combination platter consisting of two pieces of sand worm with a gob of mussel in-between.

There are other offerings to attract flounder as well, and some of these are highly effective. For example, an artificial lure combined with a natural bait increases visibility while imparting some movement. One such combination consists of a plastic corn kernel mounted just above the eye of the hook, with the natural bait dangling below. Another is a small hook with a soft plastic tail in yellow, such as the ones made by Mr. Twister. Many fishermen re-rig the soft tail, threading it through the forepart only and then sliding it up the shank. This leaves room for a natural bait below and also makes the tail flutter like a flag. Finally, a hook adorned with yellow bucktail or synthetic hair and sweetened with a

piece of sand worm or a mussel works well. Since yellow seems to be the flounder's favorite color, some fishermen paint their sinkers this color as well.

Fishing at anchor is the easiest way to catch flounder, but Harry and I, amidships, were glad that it was brief that day. The stern is a much better place to be when fishing at anchor. From here, you simply lower the rig to the bottom and wait for a nibble. Give the fish a moment to suck in the bait like a vacuum cleaner and then with a short lift of the rod tip, you have him. When the fishing is slow, however, it is better to cast the rig away from the boat and work it back slowly, with long pauses along the way. This way you cover more territory. Another inducement is raising and lowering the rod a foot or so; the sinker strikes the soft mud below and dislodges microorganisms that attract flounder. Although flounder are poor swimmers, they can spot the suspended particles from 30 feet away and glide to them for a meal.

Drift fishing for larger flounder is more exciting, however. For this kind of fishing, our spot, on the side where lines were moving out, was much better than when fishing at anchor. Most of the fish around Gardiner's Island are taken in about 20 feet of water, over hard bottom, and if this sounds like fluke fishing, it is very similar. Since snowshoes are more aggressive than summer bay fluke, however, there is little need for dropping back the offering. Large flounder seldom strike short. They are accustomed to a hard, competitive life in the ocean, to which they will return soon enough. Simply let out about 75 feet of line and make sure the rig is hugging bottom. There is no need to jig the rod because the current creates a natural movement. The fish, moreover, usually strikes the bait with enough force to set the hook itself. Average sized fish can be lifted over the rail with the rod, but snowshoes should be netted by the mate.

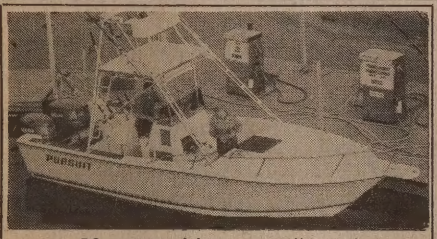
Sometimes, the "wrong" side of a drifting boat is more productive, especially around slack tides or when the wind bucks the tide. Flounder face upcurrent to snatch tidbits drifting downcurrent and, consequently, they see the baits on this side first. The rig must be cast a fair distance from the boat, however, and you run the risk of soft baits falling apart. Nevertheless, when the bait is combined with an artificial and the retrieve is paced slowly, fishing from the wrong side can be effective. You must pay constant attention to the line, however, for the rig soon heads under the boat where it may strike the hull and rise too high for flounder.

The large flounder here weigh over a pound and make excellent fillets. You can have the mate fillet your catch and save yourself the work, or you can do it yourself. Despite its odd, flatsided appearance, the flounder is not difficult to fillet. Place the fish, dark side up, on a board and make a shallow incision from the bottom of the head to the tail, just inside of the fins. Make a similar cut from the top of the head to the tail. Now, holding the knife almost parallel to the board, work it from head to tail, on the dorsal fin side. Work it over the backbone in the center and then to the belly side. Turn the fish over and repeat. Many people leave the skin on and simply scale the fish in advance. If you have difficulty along the backbone, make a deeper cut along its length, and cut the fish into four fillets. Of course, you can also gut and scale the fish and cook it whole.

The peak of the spring flounder season at Gardiner's is in April and May. Be warned, however, that on this bay, a "brisk" spring day often resembles mid-winter, so bring along winter clothes. Party boats fishing t this area depart from various ports on the South and North Forks: Shinnecock, Sag Harbor, Montauk, Greenport and Orient Point.

Although Harry is happily fishing on his own boat again, we both learned a few things about fishing for snowshoes. We noted some new spots, took into account the far more productive method of drifting fishing, and the potential of combination offerings, including lures.

If large fillets of flounder make your mouth water, spring for spring flounder on an East End party boat.



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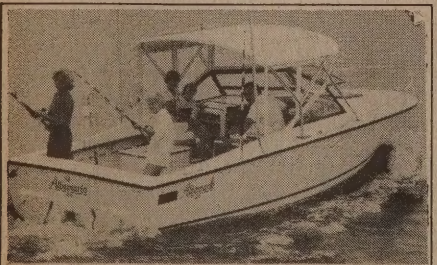

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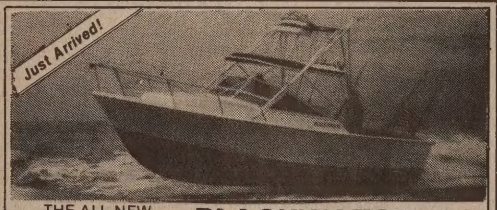

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LONG ISLAND SOUND:
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by Dick Alley

Often, when conversation turns to the Boston torpedoes, it's the JIGGING method that is discussed almost exclusively. Most anglers equate jigging with mackerel fishing. A few fishermen, however, prefer the light spinning outfit and the fly rod for their mackerel fishing.

It's true that the vast majority of big macks each season are brought to the boat through the use of a stiff rod, sturdy reel and a "rig" of multi-feathered lures weighted at the bottom with a diamond jig or a reasonable fascimile thereof. Yet, just like the freshwater fishermen who restrict themselves to a single fishing method, those anglers who jig for mackerel and do it exclusively are missing something.

Mackerel are a firm-bodied, colorful, lightning-fast, saltwater species that will slam a lure on the run and head for the opposite ocean every time. They'll hit feathers, attack metal, chase a lure racing beneath the surface, or be angry enough to savage it when it's practically dead in the water. They'll sometimes clear water and they'll always travel with others, in tremendous schools of millions of fish. Locate a school of these scrappers and an afternoon can bring you food, and bait for an entire season.

Don't be a purist. I'd no more head out on a mackerel venture armed with only an ultra-light spinning rod, than I would head for my favorite bass lake packing only a fly rod and a few poppers. Extra baggage is pretty much the order of the day for successful anglers. The smart fisherman is geared for all manner of fishing conditions, and this takes a variety of equipment.

The basic jigging outfit is the mainstay of the mackerel fisherman. It can be of the conventional or the spinning variety, but it must be strong enough to pressure from four to six fish, each

Small metal lures are a favorite with light tackle mackerel buffs.

scaling 2 to 3 lbs. and fighting in different directions, over the side. It should also be of sufficient strength and design to be able to troll when the fishing slows.

The mechanics of jigging are simple. First, locate the fish! On crowded days, this can be done simply by locating the fleet, dropping a mackerel rig to the bottom and cranking back up until a fish hits. Mark the depth and if two are aboard, play the fish until your partner can get his or her lure down to the same depth. Once fish are hooked and swimming, alternately keeping fish swimming right next to the boat can provide action for hours.

Sometimes we get out there in the middle of the week and there are no boats. Fish finders, whether of the flasher or graph variety, will easily locate a mackerel school. No electronics? No other fishermen around to point the way? Troll! That's right. Run a couple of lines off the stern and troll in ever-widening circles until you get a hit. Then shut down the engine and catch fish by jigging.

Nothing new, right? The pail is half full and you're already bored. Now comes the fun part. Whether you're fishing for the smoker or the freezer, for food or for bait, there comes a time when pulling mackerel over the side four or five at a time, just loses its thrill. Now's the hour to bring out the light freshwater spinning or fly rod. Try a bucktail, or a Hopkins, or something irridescent green or orange. If it's calm, the macks will be dimpling the surface and you can cast to the rises. If not, just follow the clock, retrieving at varying depths and speeds until you find them.

It's probably not as easy as jigging. You'll possibly enjoy your best success on a fast retrieve. Mackerel just don't seem as attracted to slow moving lures. However, when that fish hits that lure and that light rod bends double, you'll find yourself comparing. The fight is fantastic. You may not catch very many, but the time will pass quicker.

On a couple of days, or maybe even lots of days, the macks will come inshore to feed along the beaches. If there's an onslaught of bluefish pouring into Long Island Sound early, they'll be hiding inside the boat basins and inlets, and here they're ideal prey for the light tackle angler.

Macks usually invade western Long Island Sound near April's end. Sometimes they enter the Sound from either end. Most common early season spots are the various dumping grounds off Bridgeport and Norwalk. The waters off of Lloyd's and Eaton's on the Long Island side produce well. They'll remain in deep water while spawning and can be very stubborn at this stage. Not hungry, they'll refuse all offers and drive anglers up the well-known wall. All of a sudden though the spawning cycle ends. They begin to hit, and it's bonanza time until they make a quick exit just ahead of the advancing bluefish schools.

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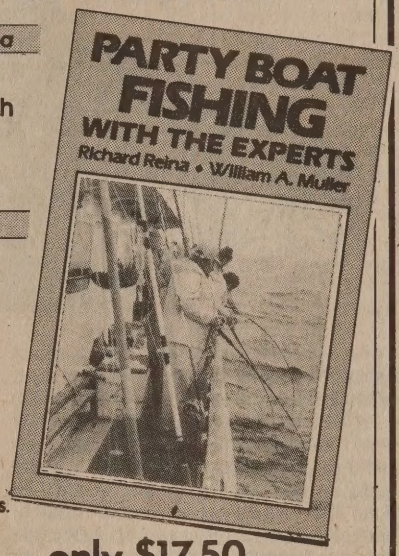

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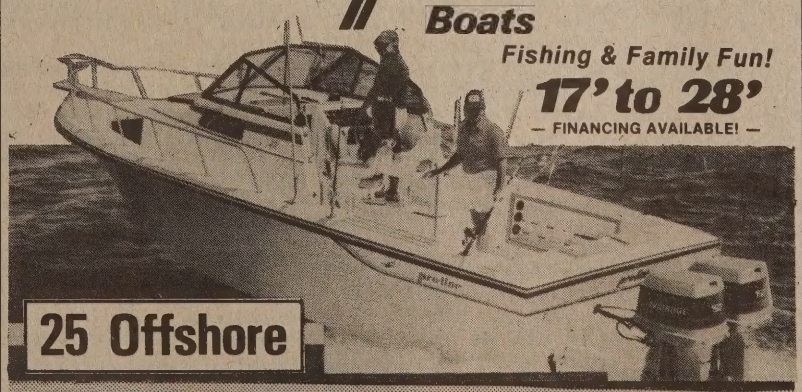

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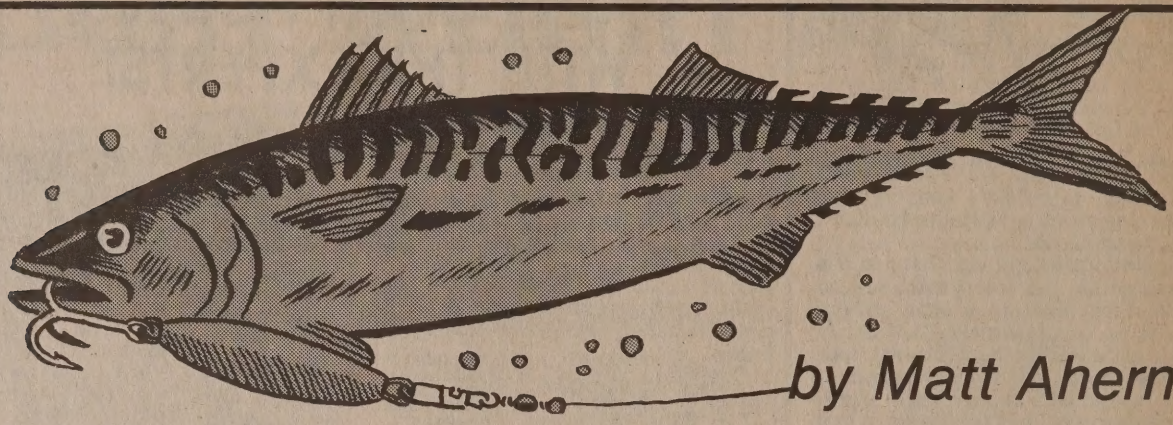

by Matt Ahern

I don't know how you feel about mackerel, but if you're like me, you certainly enjoy the wild fishing these finny bits of dynamite offer. I'm not sure, though, if I'd care to fish mackerel everyday, for what in the world could you possibly do with all those fish? (You could return most of them, I suppose.) But a couple of trips each spring sort of sets a guy up for the coming season.

If you've never gone fishing before, or have been achieving poor results more than somewhat, mackerel are the fish for you. Actually, when mackerel are around it is difficult not to catch them. And because of this, if often becomes necessary to know when to stop—let your conscience be your guide, and all that.

And this is why many fishermen will tell you that if you've never gone mackerel fishing you have missed out on some of the wildest fishing of your angling career. I know that it will take but one successful trip to convince you that mackerel fishing is the grandest of sports.

While mackerel have been known to reach 8 pounds, those we catch around Long Island and New Jersey average about 1 to 1½ pounds. Nail a 3 pounder and you can brag a little. All of which means it isn't necessary to use heavy tackle such as that used for bulldog blacks and cod.

Conventional tackle is best and I find that 20 pound monofilament line when using a combination diamond jig and mackerel tree to be about right—although some fellows do use 15 pound test. I wouldn't go any heavier than 20 pound test, though, for mackerel are very line shy. I believe this is one reason why we old-timers with our white linen lines rarely caught mackerel. When a diamond jig alone is used, 10 pound test is better still.

Fishermen use a variety of lures to catch mackerel, but most use the old and proven diamond jig. This isn't to imply that other lures won't work. Just make certain that whatever lure you use is heavy enough to get down to the feeding fish. Jigs, lures, whatever, usually run from 2 to 4 ounces, with those of two ounces getting the most play. They are easier to handle and my experience has shown that mackerel favor them.

When weighted with a diamond jig, mackerel jigs are great fish catchers. Don't use an ordinary sinker in its place. It is the flash of the jig that attracts mackerel to these multi-lures, not the other way around as many fishermen believe.

It is said that good fishermen are always in there thinking. I don't know if I'm a good fisherman or not, but I'm always in there thinking and by do doing I've worked my way out of situations which might have ended in a long day.

Occasionally I've happened upon a mackerel school and found myself without one of those fish-producing mackerel trees. But I wormed my way out of that no-win situation by simply doing a little thinking. I made my own mackerel tree right on the spot by using a diamond jig for weight and attraction and tying four cadmium-plated unsnelled 2/0 O'Shaughnessy hooks to the main line.

I accomplished this by forming four, 3-inch double overhand knotted loops eight inches apart on the main line. Each loop was fed through the hook eye, then over the hook and drawn tightly against the shank and eye. These 3-inch snells became the hook snells and also served to hold the hooks out from the main line. If you'd like to try this, be certain your hooks have a bright finish.

Short, narrow strips of white rag can be placed on these hooks to serve as enticers, but they aren't necessary. Mackerel have no fears about striking bare hooks. This quickly-made gizmo works like a charm. Just be sure to jig with plenty of action.

The beginning mackerel fisherman is often frustrated as he watches veteran anglers landing double and triple-headers with ease. He's double checked and knows his rigging is correct; he's also doing his share of jigging. And yet the fish refuse to respond.

What's wrong? The answer is simple: fishing isn't being done at the proper depth. If the lure isn't at this all-important level, few mackerel will be caught. The frustrated fisherman can seek this information from those who are catching fish. But I wouldn't rely too much on it. What may seem to be 30 feet to one fisherman, may be 20 to another—which puts you right back where you started.

When you don't know the correct depth, it's best to allow the lure to reach bottom and then begin a moderate retrieve, jigging all the while until the first mackerel is hooked. When this happens, the line should be given a daub of quick-drying marker ink. The temptation to use knots instead of marker ink is great, but don't do it. Knots weaken mono line, become difficult to untie and will leave potential line breaking kinks. And knots often become enmeshed in the spooled line or in the rod's guides—especially the tiptop causing no end of trouble.

Because mackerel will strike any shiny object flashed before them, it's best to forget the hardware when rigging. Instead, tie your jig—or mackerel tree—directly to the main line with an improved clinch knot. Barrel swivels and snaps can be purchased in dull finish if the ease and convenience they afford is felt to be necessary—but you'll catch more mackerel without them.

When mackerel fishing aboard a party or charter boat, the location of fish is left to the captain and crew. But how does the private fisherman who has a **seaworthy** boat go about finding his own school of mackerel?

Most mackerel fishing is done over open bottom in depths from 40 to 100 feet, with a happy medium of 50 feet being best. Especially is this so during the early part of the run. Rock-strewn bottoms such as exist on

Cholera or 17 Fathom Bank are good, but mackerel fishing over wrecks is seldom worthwhile unless they are in deep water.

You'll find fishing is best when sea conditions are fairly calm. A flat sea with a wind-rippled surface is often called a "mackerel sea" by old-timers—and with good reason, for fishing is best then. Watch for concentrations of sea birds such as gulls and diving gannets. Their presence is a sure sign of activity below. And especially so if these birds appear reluctant to leave the area as you approach.

Mackerel are easily frightened, therefore, don't race up to an area you have reason to believe contains a school. Better to work to windward or uptide and drift to the spot and then quietly get the anchor over (no dropping or splashing, please). Wait until the boat settles and get the mossbunker chum going. This pre-ground chum is usually purchased in frozen blocks and should be prepared before fishing by mixing in a container of sea water. This goo should be stirred to the consistency of thin soup and when fully prepared, sporadically ladled overboard into the tidal current. A suitable can holding about a pint, nailed or bolted to a flat stick, makes an excellent dispenser.

Proper chumming is only learned through experience, but a good way to get the fish started is by ladling a half dozen scoops of chum into the current and about 10 feet away. Then add two or three scoops directly alongside the boat and begin fishing. Replenish the chum every few minutes, using no more than a scoop or two, until the fish respond.

Once the fish start, someone should sweeten the chum line every 20 minutes or so. Keep in mind that if too large a break is made in the chum line, the fish will seek greener pastures.

Action should start within 10 minutes, but don't become discouraged if it doesn't. Never be in too great a hurry to leave a chummed area. Keep those jigs working at various depths and be ready with the marker ink. In more than a half century of mackerel fishing, I cannot recall one instance in having to move from a mackerel-fishing area because of the lack of fish. Sometimes the fish come within seconds, and occasionally a longer interval of time is necessary—but they'll come.

Another successful method is to drift along slowly, jigging the lure in two foot sweeps until several mackerel are caught in rapid succession. Lower the anchor **quietly** and get the chum going. This works especially well when mackerel are hard to locate on the surface.

Mackerel can also be exasperating. After biting hot and heavy for several hours, they will suddenly quit. Often at this time, thousands of mackerel can be seen milling about and feeding on chum a foot or two below the surface. (One often thinks it possible to walk to shore on the backs of mackerel, so great in numbers are they.) To have these fish shun your offering is annoying, to say the least—but the veteran mackerel fisherman is not dismayed. He knows that now is the time to use bait.

Remove the jig and mackerel tree and in their place attach a #9 or #10 Chestertown (flounder) hook. On the snell just before the hook add a couple of split shot, then bait with several bunker hearts found in the chum can. Small pieces of mackerel belly will also work: be sure these are **tiny.**

Strip line from the reel and allow the bait to drift with the current. You won't get the smashing strike you got with the lure. All you'll feel is a light pick, but that's your signal to strike. If you believed mackerel were good scrappers before, wait until you hook one with this method. You may never want to fish mackerel any other way.

It is easy to clean all those fish you catch and scaling isn't necessary. (They just about scale themselves when lifted from the water and placed in the bucket—you'll find this out when you handle your tackle.) First, cut off the head and then run the knife blade through the gut area to the vent. Innards are removed in seconds.

Remember—once that first mackerel is caught, a bonanza is sure to follow. No one catches just one mackerel during mackerel time!

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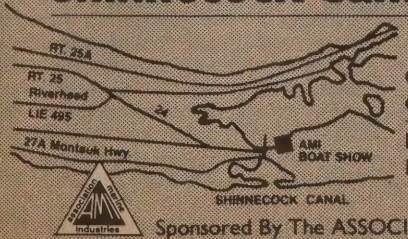

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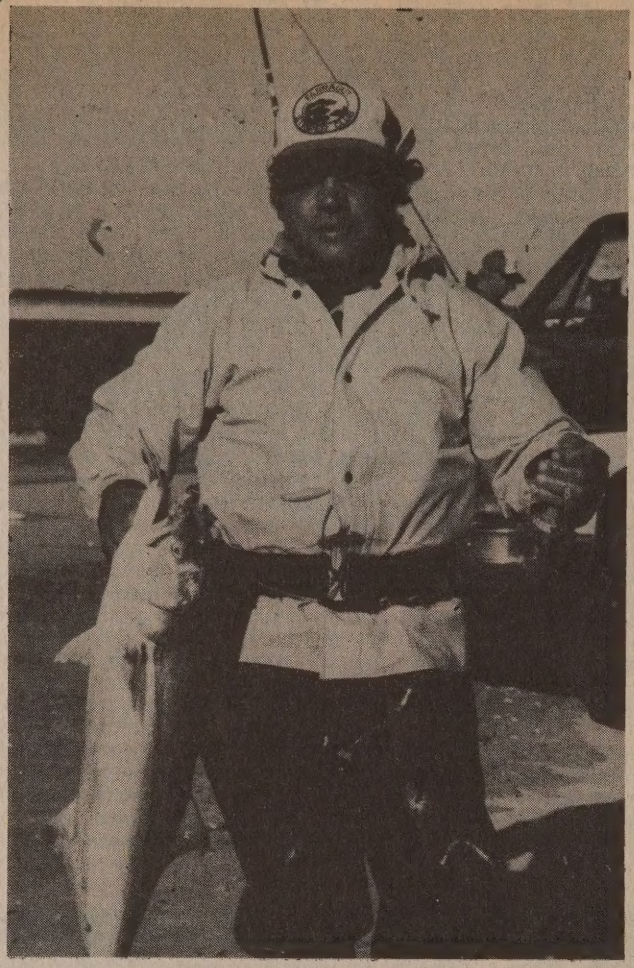

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SHOREBIRD HARMONY

by Fred Laager

A few years ago, my wife and I were out fishing when we decided to leave the confines of our boat and embark along the beach to do a bit of blue-fishing from shore. After putting the boat in a safe anchorage we grabbed our gear and began to stroll along the high water mark looking toward the Sound for signs of feeding fish. It was mid-afternoon and as I led the way, Donna followed close behind, taking in some sun and doing a bit of beach-combing, hoping perhaps to find a diamond rig or some such contraband or salvage.

Suddenly, Donna shouted that she was being attacked by birds and instantly visions of Hitchcock's thriller filled my mind. Reeling quickly about, I saw two small terns diving repeatedly near my wife's head; swooping close but always veering away just before making contact.

"Walk toward the water," I commanded, "they're after you because you're near their nest."

As she backed away from the uppermost part of the beach her antagonists left her and gently alighted upon the shore amid the bleached grasses and the barren stones. Taking a bearing on their position, I walked toward the birds and again they took wing and resumed their attack, this time on me.

In the light of the noonday sun, the entire beach looked desolate, the sand and the pebbles all scorched and bleak, but despite the regularity of the terrain I managed to locate the cause of the bird's concern. There, in a small depression surrounded by a ring of pebbles and bits of shell lay two mottled eggs waiting for their parents' return. Being careful not to go too close, I admired the superb camouflage of the eggs and the genius behind this rudimentary nest. I was amazed at how the parents could relocate the nest, disguised as it was, time and time again after spending so much time at sea and throughout my entire stay, the dutiful

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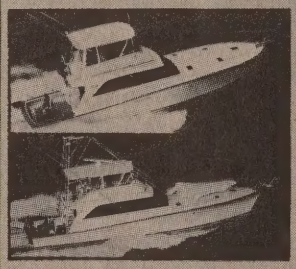

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parents never ceased in their dive bombing and harassing. Though I must admit it was just a bit delightful watching the courage and tenacity these two terns displayed against a foe many times larger than themselves, I knew that I had outstayed any welcome I was due and that the unprotected eggs would soon overheat and perish in the noonday sun. Gracefully, I exited the area, backing off slowly and carefully so as not to trample any unseen nests. The parents soon landed and resumed their brooding. For the rest of the day, Donna and I kept well clear of the upper beachhead for it was early May, the nesting season for many of Long Island's endangered resident shore birds.

As a sportsman I am keenly aware of the detrimental effects of human population growth as it relates to targeted species such as the kingfish, blowfish, fluke and striped bass. As a fisherman, I am also aware that good breeding habitat is an important element in any restoration program. Whether it be cleaning up PCB contamination in striped bass spawnings grounds or protecting a few select beaches from reckless destruction or development, having a good breeding habitat for one species invariably helps all other species that come in contact with that area, including man.

Fishermen are highly protective of the environment, so I was a bit concerned this past summer when I noticed signs springing up along many of the north and south shore beaches that I frequent. The signs were placed there by the Long Island Colonial Waterbird Association (LICWA) and they warned of the hazards of disturbing the nests of brooding waterbirds; in particular the black skimmer and the piping plover and three species of tern: the roseate, the least and the common tern. The signs were small but their message immense:

If the birds are disturbed, parents may leave the nest subjecting eggs and young to exposure and possible DEATH. These birds are protected by law. Please stay away from nesting areas.

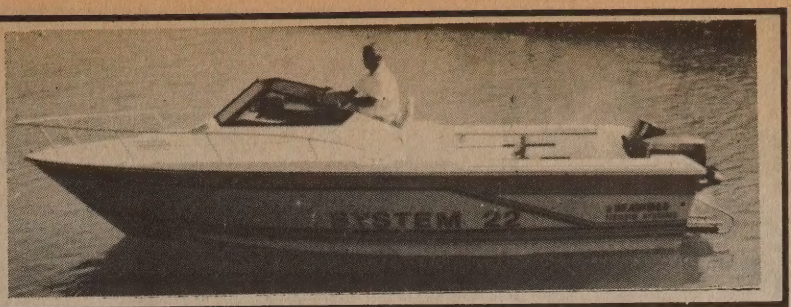
I wrote to the Long Island Colonial Waterbird Association, a conglomerate formed in 1982 consisting of the Long Island Audubon Council, Seatuck Research Program of Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, the New York State DEC, the Federation of New York Garden Clubs, the National Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy and acquired information regarding the plight of our shorebirds. Much to my astonishment I found out that one of the shorebirds, the piping plover, was already close to extinction and that it had recently been declared a federally endangered species. The others, the terns and the black skimmer were experiencing a decline in nesting colonies attributed mostly to waterfront development, improper and careless use of recreational vehicles on the dunes, garbage

disposal and, in general, ignorance on the part of the public when it comes to the needs of our shorebirds.

In an effort to increase public awareness, the LICWA has erected signs along 25 of Long Island's beaches and nesting areas have been roped off between late April when the nests are formed, until late August when the young birds are ready to leave the nests. In addition to the signs, program volunteers monitor colonies and patrol the beaches in an effort to educate all those who might come into contact with these birds. These "tern wardens" tell of the detrimental effects of garbage disposal and how litter attracts rodents which, in turn, prey upon the developing eggs and young birds. They warn against the careless use of RVs and relate how one pass of a truck across a nesting site can cause the whole colony to abandon the area. They also educate beachcombers, informing them that the removal of ornamental driftwood from nesting areas leaves young birds, who use the wood as shelter, open to predation and the harsh elements of the shoreline environment. Although they have no law enforcement authority, these volunteers should be treated with respect for they are out to protect the environment and the animals we love so much. All of us who use the beaches of Long Island—sunbathers, beachcombers, boaters, RV enthusiasts and fishermen—should voluntarily cooperate in the effort to save these birds so that stricter measures will not have to be taken in the future (measures which might eventually call for the closing of the already few beaches left open to public access).

Fishermen more than anyone else who use the beaches, should be particularly diligent in respecting the breeding habitat of these birds for we are all sportsmen first and fishermen second. And, as sportsmen we should always set an example for others to follow. We should never limit our concern to just those animals we harvest for that is a futile practice that favors one species at the expense of another. We should be concerned with the environment as a whole and with all the wildlife that constitute it, for a healthy environment is one that is good for man.

I never met a fisherman who was only concerned with catching fish. In fact, the actual process of "catching" is usually only a minor part of a day's outing. Rather, the fishermen I know are those who love the fishing experience. They enjoy the taste of the salt air and the spray upon their face. They love a clean shore that's free of litter and they love patrolling the beach on foot or by buggy, looking for signs of feeding fish. To these sportsmen, the shorebirds are a blessing. There is nothing more exciting than the sight of birds working bait just beyond the wash, letting all wary anglers know that a school of big bass or bluefish lie just beneath the surface.



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STRIPERS ON THE FLY

by Frank Daignault

At first the thought of taking stripers on a fly may seem a little intimidating. There may be good reason if light, bendable rods do that to you. But if your concern is breaking off, then the leader ought to be the basis for any judgment and most of the time when fly fishing for bass I don't go under 15 pound. So while fly rods do go into scarier bends than our traditional surf rods when fish are on, chances of breaking off are no greater and probably less.

No doubt the best argument for fly fishing for stripers lies in the fly itself. In our striper waters the sand eel, with its long, slim body build, is a popular forage bait. And while these can be found in deep water they are more likely to dig in along our beaches. Most stripermen have learned that any artificial that is small and slim will look enough like a sand eel to take a greater share of bass than the fat plugs. One need only look at the number of Rebels, RedFins, Helcats and Rapalas in widespread spinning use along our shores to recognize that this use of the family of Finland type plugs is related to their similarity in appearance with sand eels. However, even the smallest of these plugs is both wrong in size proportion and over-active in swimming action to be a true look-alike to the sand eel. Not a plug made has a body that is one-twelfth as deep as it is long, is slender enough, to match the natural animal. On average, mature sand eels run from 4 to 6 inches, with an occasional monster running to 7. An average baitfish, say 5 inches, is only 3/8 inch round at its fattest point. What the fly does is come closer both in size and proportion.

Years ago, when bucktail droppers or teasers were in common use while plugging, the simpler version of fly often caught more fish than the plugs. However, bucktail is not a suitable material because it is rarely available in the desired length, tends to be heavier when wet and has more natural flotation. We found, back when winding teasers, that saddle hackle (feathers) avoided the poorer qualities of bucktail. Yet, a streamer constructed of feathers is no harder to tie. Sand eels have white bellies so a fly that is wound out of white saddle hackle is good. Of course, I always get nervous about departing from the animal I'm imitating, so many of my flies have two or three black or green feathers on the top to imitate the bait's dark back. I find no difference in the results between fancy and all white. The fly is 5 to 8 feathers tied down below the eye of a Mustad 34007 hook; while I do pick my longest feathers, most flies end up a little over 4 inches long. Thread is black, lacquered after the whip finish. Of course they can be made more bluefish durable if epoxy is used. Once the fly is finished it will look a little too bushy, but once wet it loses that and takes on a smaller appearance. Any tyer that can't build 15 per hour needs the practice. Of course, mylar tubing bodies add a little glitter—you can get as fancy as you want—but I doubt that these refinements do anything more than pretty up our confidence in the creations. The choice is losing 4 or 15 minutes of labor to a bluefish or bad cast. Nearly forgot: hook size is 1/0 to 3/0. I file all new hooks.

An important limitation that is placed on all saltwater fly fishermen are wind and sea conditions. A 10 knot breeze can give you trouble. This calls for heavier lines which dictate heavier rods. Keep in mind that gorilla fly rods will hurt your body more than any pool cue surf rod because the fly rod has to be fished with one arm. That is why I would never recommend some of the ultra-heavy fly rods used by tarpon snubbers. You'll know exactly what I mean when you get to your fourth hour of fishing. It makes no sense to have a $15,000 buggy with all the best equipment and have your **body** fail. I'm a smallish person at 5' 8'' weighing 170 and love, love a number 10 line with a 9½ foot graphite—a cheap one at that; Joyce uses an 8½ foot with a #9 line. Both are weight forward, SW tapers.

You don't want to fly fish in a heavy sea from the beach. Probably a good rule of thumb is that if the water if fishable with a 5½ inch Rebel it can be fly cast. No doubt some imaginary distance requirement holds a lot of people back from fly fishing the salt chuck. But the advantage that surf casters have is that the wash is a feeding place for both stripers and bluefish. Thus, if you can reach that, distance may be less a factor in sea fishing than in the more traditional applications of the fishing. Still, I know you want numbers, 40 to 60 feet comes to mind. I wouldn't want to clean all the bass I've caught at 20 feet. Much of our striper fishing is estuarine or protected in some way. Without mention of bays and tidal rivers, shoreline inlets—particularly inside or in the back—have no pushy surf to tangle fly lines. All the legal fishing at P-Town is flat water unless the wind is wrong. When you think about it, there is not as much ''surf'' in the so-called surf of striper fishing as we sometimes think. Moreover, it is these flat situations where you'll find picky, hard to take, stripers that will come to a fly more readily than for anything else.

The true curse of this art is the reel. The lightest possible weight reel with a capacity for 200 yards of backing of 30 or 20 pound test braid that will store the fly line is needed. Single action reels, those which turn once for

each crank of the spool, are the tradition; I see no reason why a multiplying reel can't be used, but these tend to add weight and cost. Of course, a smooth drag is needed. I got by for years with the Pflueger 1498, which is just under $40. The aluminum model that I now use cost three times that but weighs only a shade over half the old reel at five ounces. If price is no consideration, there are excellent reels available for big game fly fishing, but I know of none that are light weight.

I taper my own leaders 30#, 20#, 15#—3', 2', 3'. The last section will shorten up fast from changing flies. One doesn't need a long leader and seven or eight feet of leader helps to control the weight of the hook. It's outside the standards of organized fly fishing, but any time you run into brute fish you can cut off the 15 pound section and use a 3/0 fly. Keep in mind that your leader and backing are of the same test and that the breakoff might happen on the wrong side of your 20-dollar-plus fly line.

Single hook lures are popular these days because nearly all of the many stripers available for the catching are not legal. You don't want to throw a plug with 9 points into a tide rip that is loaded with bass. Sure, we want to take care of the fish, handle them gently before release. But have you thought about how dangerous a striper, up to say, 14 pounds, is when it is flailing its head back and forth with the remaining hooks in the air. This season's coastwide 33 inch minimum limits are a clear message as to how many 30 inch bass are going to be around. You are going to catch a lot of fish, but you may as well leave your gaff home. Joyce and I have released our brains out (painfully pulling the plug on the cash register) and I just got tired of wrestling with her little fish on plugs. I told her flat out that she had to fly fish like her old man so that we could release our stripers easily without harm to fish or man—her man. With her short fly casting experience on trout and salmon she's had no trouble delivering suitable casts for the hooking of as many fish as she did with more traditional gear.

We are not going bypass some of the nasty things about fly fishing in the salt here. Forget hurricane water or one flag nights. And this is no place for anglers, no method for anglers, looking for their first striper or their first fly caught game fish. But if you've fly fished for trout you ought to be deadly as a striperman; and, if you know how to find bass you might be surprised what dummies they can be for a pinch of feathers. Maybe you need the action. Maybe you could use the different feel of a striper on a rod so light that it seems to have disappeared so that the line goes directly to the hand. Then there is the panic, for no matter how many you catch this way there is something delightfully scary about having your spool whirr and dust your fingertips when you think it is time for him to stop. I like it.

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SHORE SHAD

by Lou Truppi

You don't need a boat to score with shad on the Delaware.

A sure sign of spring where a fisherman is concerned is the opening of trout season and shortly thereafter, the arrival of shad in the Delaware. One assuredly follows the other like daylight follows dark.

Although it's a lot easier at times to pursue the fast moving shad with a boat due to the width and length of the Delaware River, don't feel that a boat is necessary to manage good catches. Shorebound anglers can do very well with a little planning. Co-ordinating fertile fish-holding runs and pools can be very easy at times. Shad fishermen might need only walk into a local sport shop and find out what and where they're hitting. On the other hand, by studying the basics and trying to understand what makes this oversized herring swim, your shore fishing time will be well spent.

Shad, like most river fish, seek the easiest route when plying upstream to spawn. This arduous journey demands resting frequently and moving through thin water quickly. Although they move in from the ocean, it is in their nature to quickly adapt to a swift flowing river. Perhaps the most unique feature of the shad is their ability to find and hold in even the smallest quick water slick. This factor alone once understood by a shorebound angler can readily add to your success.

I first began shad fishing about a dozen years ago. Every day I could get time I would drag my cartop boat to the Delaware to pursue the shad. Since I was self-employed and could break away on a minute's notice, I usually ended up going alone. Handling the boat by myself was quite a chore at times, so I decided to try shore fishing.

I knew where I had taken most of my shad from the boat, so I decided to bank fish the same areas. I could no longer reach what I felt to be the best mid-stream riffles but would have to settle for second best. At first, like so many fishermen still, I began casting as far as I could. Since I stuck with the large pools, I felt I would certainly have to get my lure well into mid-stream to produce. I did catch shad, but not consistently. Some days I sorely missed my boat. However, as I put in more bank time and met other fishermen, different tidbits of information were uncovered. One angler in particular worked the pool I fished every morning and afternoon. He never bothered to fish the pool itself, but he chose to cast near the tailrace or white water at the head of the pool. He definitely caught more shad than me and from that point on I knew I was missing something with my technique.

One evening I got there late and he was just leaving. He related to me that he had caught and released six shad. He also pointed out the most productive lie and cautioned me not to cast beyond it. This was no problem since the big rock he pointed to was a mere 50 feet from shore. Water partially hid it from sight, but it was very visible from his wading position. He went on to point out a pocket immediately in front of the rock that contained several shad. Their silver sides were visible as the sun bounced light off their movements. If I didn't see it I would have surely fished downstream or in back of that rock. My natural instincts told me here is where the fish would be holding. Not so, my new angling friend confided to me. The upwelling of the current as it struck that boulder formed a mild water flow and hence a convenient place for the shad to rest. That was one of my first lessons concerning catching shad from shore. It was one I should have realized since I was already an avid stream fisherman. After countless hours spent in the pursuit of steelhead trout, I should have been aware of that lie.

Days passed and my partner and I worked that slick constantly until most of the shad had moved upstream. Then he offered to make me further upriver to another spot. This "spot" consisted of nothing more than a long slick with a log at the head. When we first arrived I could see the water was not very deep. A vantage point about the river provided me with a glimpse of working shad. The lower portion of that shallow riffle held at least a dozen fish. They were strung out right above the end of the slick. An impression in the sand provided a resting area as the main current raced overhead. He pointed out that this area was only good when the sun did not shine or early or late in the day. High water would drive the fish out. Conditions that day were as near perfect as could be expected. We began fishing a white water riffle about 100 yards upstream. The sunlight was too strong at present and my friend felt we might spook those fish. So by advancing upstream to a broken white water riffle we would fish here until conditions improved downstream. Our approach here also enlightened me as to locating the shad. He pointed out where the riffle neared the bank and formed an unseen eddy.

He suggested we cast close in to the bank from a downstream position and let our lure swim back at a moderate retrieve so that we would literally brush the bank. We landed several fish using this method while eyeing the setting sun so we could fish downstream hotspot. Once the sun settled behind the hills, we moved into position and caught shad until dark from that shallow riffle.

So far my boat tendencies learned while catching shad from mid-stream anchored positions had barely helped me corral any shoreline shad. Simply because, although I knew enough to recognize a decent pool or deep riffle from my boat, my shore fishing experience was limited. Thanks to my new angling companion who I later found out had been fishing the Delaware for some 25 seasons, I now began to understand the shad.

Not only did his unlikely choice of spots amaze me but so did his style of catching shad. My boat fishing was limited to either trolling with shad darts (a small bucktail jig) or anchoring in a good hole and letting the dart or flicker spinner flutter in the current. If the shad were there they would latch onto my offering. If they weren't we would move to a different spot in hopes of locating the fish. The larger pools we often trolled through to cover the water quickly. Sticking to this pattern I never fully understood where the shad actually rested besides those big pools or long deep riffles. Once shorebound I knew I would quickly have to change my ways or be faced with tough times. Needless to say, my new found friend cut the red tape and related to me his past experiences.

In many ways the shad were similar to stream trout except they were not as spooky. What bothered them most was sunlight and what bothered me most was high water.

Perhaps what enlightened me most was the location of their close-in hangouts. In many instances I would have chosen to wade where the shad were restings. I assure most large pools or riffs are much easier to fish. However, this learning experience permitted me to recognize those out-of-the-way areas that contained

enough shad to fish for and catch. In many cases, this eliminated the elbow to elbow syndrome that develops at the hot pools. By knowing what to look for you can discover your own private hotspot.

What took me by surprise were the close-in shad lies. They are those secondary pools and riffles that you wouldn't believe held fish. My buddy's past experiences led to my present day success, but more so his teaching me how to recognize holding water on a big river proved invaluable today.

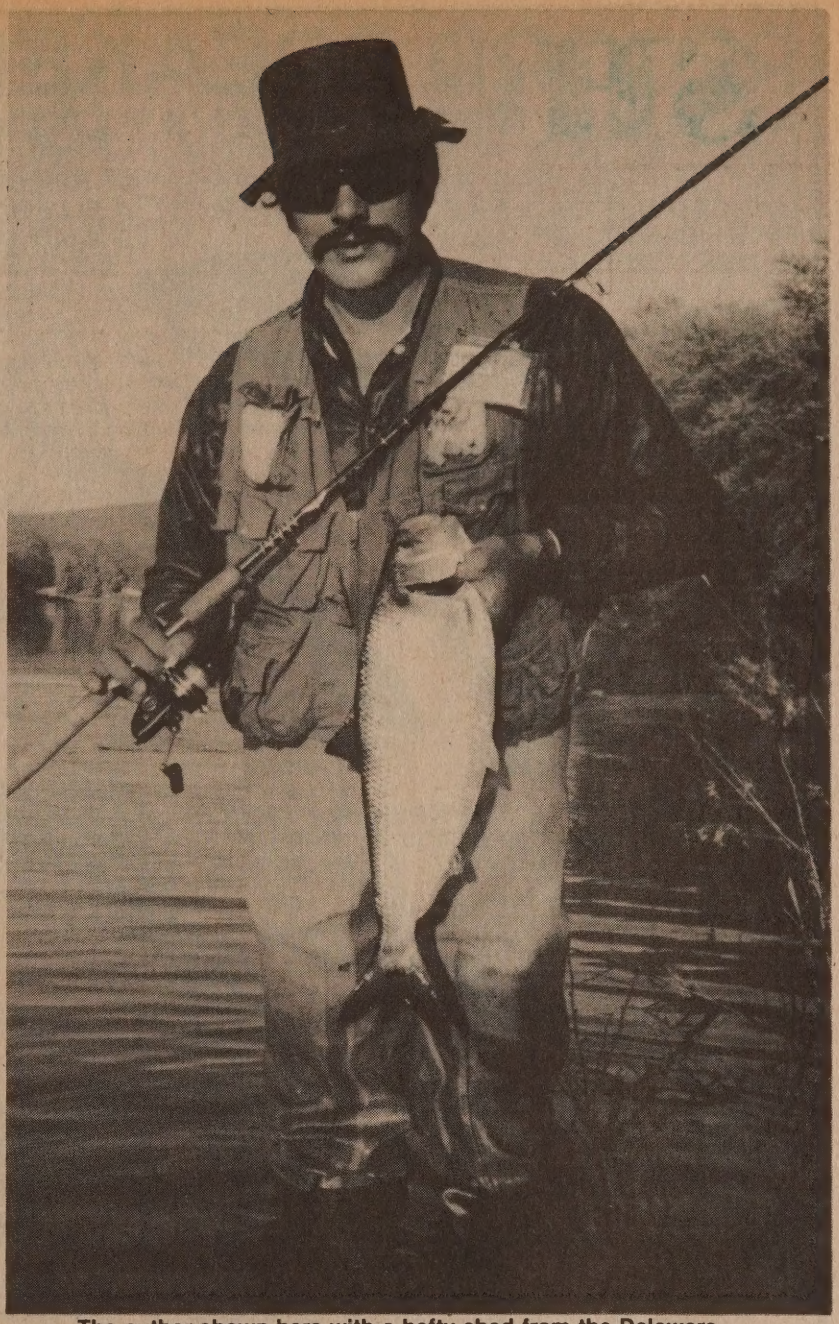
This holding water, due to its fragile nature, can change more readily than the larger pools. Often it is nothing more than a log or stream impression that yields fish. A flood or high water condition could void these grounds and cause you to seek similar lies elsewhere. So the bank shad fisherman should learn to look and walk to find those little holding pockets. Sometimes they can be adjacent to a big hold. Scout up and down that pool when there is enough light on the water to permit you to see where each lie might occur. Other times a flashing fish might be a give-away to a lie. Still another angler landing several fish from one location might tip you off to another decent spot.

Similar shad lairs as I described here are evident in all big rivers. The Delaware has bounced back from the fish lacking 60s to viable runs in the 70s and 80s. More and bigger shad now run the Delaware than when I was a kid. Recognizing good holding areas is sometimes the most important ingredient for a successful day. Midstream riffles and oversize pools innundate the river. But it's the pocket water, structure and carved out bottoms that interest me as they should you.

The shore fisherman who doesn't mind walking can usually locate shad where the average fisherman will pass by. Recognition of good holding water doens't preclude fishing many of the larger pools. What it does is permit you to hunt for your own fish. Once located, mental notes should be taken as to water conditions, time of year and best fishing time that governs each spot. The "should have been here yesterday" theme may govern your success on many of these places. Shad do not hold as long in a secondary riffle as they would in a major pool. The main body of fish must pass through all major water but only a portion of the fish will seek out these locations. The factors that govern their hanging around are even less reinforced due to water supply and numerous other factors.

The "here today, gone tomorrow" theme most applies to these secondary holding areas. To be consistent all through the season might require you to follow each group of fish upstream and then back track to fish the stragglers.

Keep in mind that many of these locations I've described will only hold the shad if there is an abundance of water during that spring. This is why it can be of primary importance to any shore fisherman to venture out on his own to locate as many holding areas as possible.



The author shown here with a hefty shad from the Delaware.

Low water conditions might stall the run. The majority of fish can be confined to major pools. The same techniques can apply to these as to the smaller waters. Low water will often indicate structure and underwater slicks that fish will seek. Approach all known holding areas with caution. Shad are notorious for moving out of the current during the nocturnal hours. If you fish at dawn, as I commonly do, be sure to cover all the quiet water that borders your side of the river first. Shad are sometimes stacked in these quiet slicks. Once the morning brightens, then they will move to deeper water and the cover it can provide. Low light or rainy days shad might remain in the shallows all day long. If they are not spooked you might catch them throughout the day. I prefer low light days and try to fish them whenever I can.

Certainly any big river shad fisherman can benefit from spot selection. Pools can get crowded during the peak season runs, while perhaps 100 yards downstream a secondary fish holding staging area remains untried. Big rivers require you to hunt as well as fish. Where success in catching shad is concerned, you can't stay put. Learn to recognize what attracts them and fish accordingly. Tight lines!

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NEWS FLASH

STRIPER BAG LIMIT ON THE BOOKS!

The presses came to a halt on Monday to bring readers late breaking news concerning the recently proposed striped bass regulations. Final regulations containing the 33 inch/ one fish bag limit for the marine district were released by DEC Commissioner Henry Williams on Monday, April 27th. The new regulations establish an open season beginning on May 8th and running through November 30th.

Regulations for the Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge, allow for an 18 inch minimum size and a one-fish bag limit. The season on the Hudson will run from March 16th through November 13th.

Commercial fishing for striped bass by any means remains banned in both areas under the new regulations.

FRED GOLOFARO

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

"Fishin's the least, when the wind's from the east" explains the general flounder catching picture on the east end, with a couple of notable exceptions. East winds, however, did not hamper codfish catches. Those charter boats that sailed returned to port with loads of nice cod, some pollock, and blackfish and there are plenty of baitfish now in local waters.

MONTAUK

Pat Kelly and his friends, all from Staten Island, changed their goal from codfish to flounder because of Sunday's strong northeast winds. Since a try in Lake Montauk was unproductive, Captain Ron Grandinetti steered the **Julie III** to Three Mile Harbor. The group caught thirty-eight beautiful flatties, after the tide changed. All the fish weighed over a pound, the largest two pounds six ounces.

Captain Jim Flowers tried the Cartwright area on the **Mary-A**'s first charter trip of the season last week. About two dozen medium size cod were located for Joe Capalano and his friends, with a five pound blackfish. Call Captain Jim for open charter dates.

Joan, at **Captain's Cove Marina** felt that the constant winds have muddied up the Lake, holding down flounder catches. Codfish catches remain constant, however, with the "Three Star" returning with decent cod on Sunday. Captain Joe McBride's **My Mate** returned with a dozen and a half for a charter.

The "Hot Tuna", based at **Gone Fishing Marina**, fished Southwest Ledge for a couple of small cod and some blackfish on Sunday. Anglers lamented that attempts at flounder were held back by the constant easterly winds. Maureen informed us that construction is taking place at the marina in order to add more slips, construct new docks and bulkhead and add a thirty ton travel lift. Ramp customers should note that the ramp is not affected and is open for use.

Carl Junior reports pretty good codfishing by charter boats based at the **Montauk Marine Basin**, with catches of from two to four dozen codfish per trip. More larger cod, to twenty-five pounds are now noted in the catch, as well as pollock and blackfish. While windy conditions hav slowed flounder catches, codfish seem to be responding well. Recent catches include about two dozen cod on the charter boat **Montauk** on Sunday, with a couple of blackfish, fishing on Cartwright. All charter boats fishing on the weekend returned with over two dozen cod. Flounder responded to the "Memory Man", who located twenty-five flatties early last week in the Lake. During Sunday's windstorm, the "Deep Quest" crew bagged a dozen.

Captain Michael Potts made three codfish trips last week on the **Bluefin IV** cancelling Saturday's charter due to the storm. On Tuesday, Friday and Sunday all groups returned with four to five dozen codfish, some in the ten to fifteen pound range, the majority averaging five pounds. A couple of blackfish, one of eleven and a half pounds were also caught. The fishing arranged by Mr. Parker, Mr. Liss and Mr. Wisniewski used bait, fishing south of Block Island.

John Girolamo, a regular on the **Viking Starship** George's Banks trips, caught fourty-eight codfish on last Monday's two day trip. John reported that thirty anglers made the trip, catching over 1,000 cod. Catches include fifty-six cod by Bill Koch, fifty-eight by Bill Tully (who used his secret home made jig), and a catch of 285 cod made by a group of New York City firemen from Engine Co. 28 that included John McCale, Ed Parker, Karl Bauerlein, Bill Noonan, Larry Larson, John Hagemann and Joe Corrigan. The pool was won by Mike Erlwein with a thirty-five pound cod. Bill Brown caught a fourty-two pound wolf fish.

Some flounder reports came in to us just at press time. Santo Caltabianco tried first at most tried and true early spots such as Tabbacco Lot, Cherry Harbor, Promised Land and Culloden Point locating no flounder, but watched many commercial draggers at work. A short stint in Lake Montauk late in the afternoon saw sixteen flatties caught and put aboard the "Francesca".

Henry Uihlein feels that the outgoing tide is best at Lake Montauk, reporting that Maurie Lifschitz, McDermitt, MacMahman and Dan Oliveri caught fourty-two flounder, many weighing one and a half pounds at the outgoing tide. On Sunday, five boats rented from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** met with varying results, although they were anchored side by side. Elliot Fedder and two friends, rented the large Proline, caught over seventy flatties, but only kept fourty which weighed over a pound, largest one and three quarter pounds. Fishing along side Elliot, Jeff Muller and friends caught eight. Tony and Elizabeth Salerno also caught eight big fish. The other two groups were skunked. Bait used by Elliot, mussels, worm and clam, did the trick. Henry Uihlein is featuring a twenty percent discount on all boat rentals applicable on Wednesday's and Thursday's until May 14th. Call ahead for reservations.

Captain Paul Forsberg reported that almost 1,400 cod were caught on the weekend's trip by fifty anglers. Although seas were rough Saturday morning, they calmed to get plenty of fishing time in Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. Pool fish was in the thirty pound range. **Viking Starship** weekend trips are sold out May 1st and 8th, but there is room available on May 15th and Monday night trips. Call for information.

Viking Star is sailing daily and experiencing decent local fishing around Block Island. Friday's group of seventeen anglers caught five or six cod per man, with the pool fish reported at eighteen pounds.

SOUTH FORK

Constant easterly winds kept down flounder catches once again. Some decent catches were made whenever the winds abated, however briefly, if you happened to be at the right place, on the right tide. Reports of mackerel and weak fish caught by netters keep the fishing flame burning!

Captain Clark Bellows, with a large crowd aboard the **Wilhelric II**, found the incoming tide at Orient Point productive on Sunday, with his first two drops accounting for fifty flatties. Almost all flounder weighed over one and a quarter pounds with several pushing two pounds. With fewer anglers on weekdays, average catch of about fifty flounder was the norm. Captain Bellows noted the first blackfish of the season was caught this week as well. Since the water is still on the cold side, a couple of warm days, after this new moon should get the flatties feeding better.

Thom heard of a few confirmed flounder catches made the past week, including that of twenty-two flatties in Three Mile Harbor, Conscience Point inside the North Sea Harbor, and

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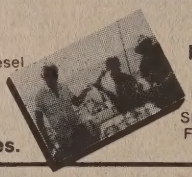

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some decent fish under the railroad bridge south of the Shinnecock Canal as the gates open. While Lake Montauk seems to have less flatties than this time last year, the size is larger. No reports have come in yet of mackerel, but it's only a matter of time. **Speck's Bait and Tackle** is stocked with fresh clams, mussels and newly arrived spearing for this weekend's fishing.

Joe, at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**, reported that although a couple of marina based boats did try to get out of the wind on Sunday by fishing Heady Creek, few flounder were caught.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing left a lot to be desired over the weekend in most areas but there was some positive news prior to the weekend's gale winds. Mackerel have moved within range of Fire Island Inlet boatmen and a number of anglers connected with pods of macks to the southwest on Sunday. Some mackerel were also taken on worms with flounder inside Fire Island Inlet on the weekend. No confirmed weakfish catches as of yet. Some blackfish being taken now in their usual haunts inside Great South Bay.

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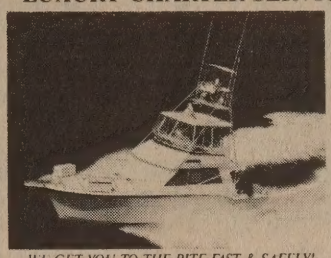

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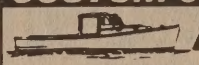

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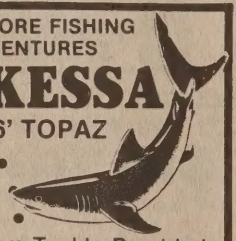

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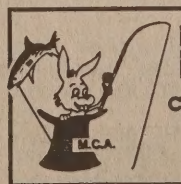

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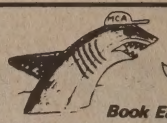

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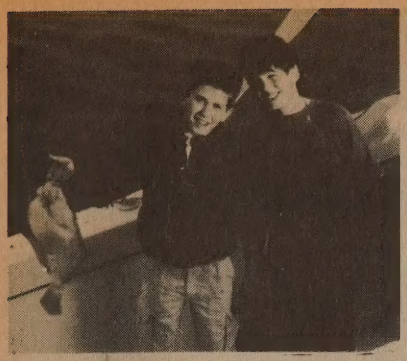
ing Station in **East Moriches**. Gary said there were several very good catches made in the bay Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Fishing was very tough on Saturday and Sunday with strong winds contributing to the poor fishing. Good catches came from south of Haven's Point out to the Buoy 41-42 area. Key to the fishing was incoming tide and all the fish from this area were big. According to Gary, they ranged from 1 to 2½ pounds with most in the 1½ to 2 pound class. Dave Roys spent just a couple of hours during Friday afternoon's flood tide and put away 50 big fish. He repeated his success early Monday morning. Catching the same tide stage, he was back to the dock with another big catch of flatties by 9AM.

Phil Sepulveda at **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** reported a heavy turnout of anglers on the weekend but poor results with a couple of exceptions. Most boatmen who chose to work the buoy 27 to 29 area finished with just half a dozen or so big flatties per boat. The same was true of the 42-46 area with few but big fish. Two boats treked up into the Quogue Canal and fished next to the second bridge. Each put away about 80 flatties though many were small. A reminder that the station's fleet has been bolstered by new 21' Steigercrafts powered by new Yamaha motors.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

According to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, the weekend's winds made for some "pretty lousy" flounder reports from both the east-



This doormat size flattie was caught at the Copiague Hole, inside Great South Bay, by 12-year-old Harry Bowman. Taken in late March, the giant flattie weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle. Harry's brother John did the netting honors.

ern reaches of Great South Bay and Moriches Bay. On the bright side there has been some worthwhile action on the local docks including Blue Point and Patchogue as well as the Patchogue Sand Spit. Also, quite a few small bass showing at the docks along with the flounder. No word yet on weaks or mackerel.

Over at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale, Rod DiGiacomo said that flounder fishing took a beating from the weekend's winds, but some boatmen managed to do a fair job in the Sore Thumb pocket. One customer checked in a catch of 19 flatties taken there on Sunday. Rumors of a couple of small weaks in the 2 to 3 lb. class taken on hook and line by flounder fishermen, but nothing confirmed. Nothing confirmed on mackerel but there was quite a bit of talk on several boats picking away at the fish SW of the inlet.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in East Islip had one surprisingly good flounder report for the weekend. On Saturday, despite gale force winds, Chris and Joan Camp with friends Steve and Joanne settled under the lee of the beach just outside the mouth of the canal to the Heckscher launching ramp. The foursome needed just a couple of hours to put away 60 flounder. Flounder fishing in general has slowed in the east bay with most of the better catches this week reported from the Sore Thumb and also from the State Channel. On Tuesday, Rob Bellini had 10 flounder to just under 2 lbs. in the state channel. Several rumors of weakfish but no firsthand reports yet.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore, knew of some mackerel jigged outside the inlet on Sunday, but had no specifics. Another boatman working the Sore Thumb pocket for flounder took 6 mackerel on worm baited hooks. Concerning the flounder fishing, most boatmen did okay at the Thumb this week with Tuesday the best of the week. The weekend was crowded but several

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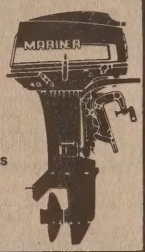

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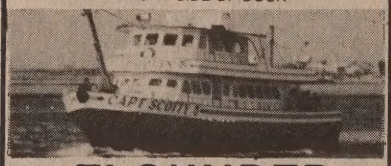

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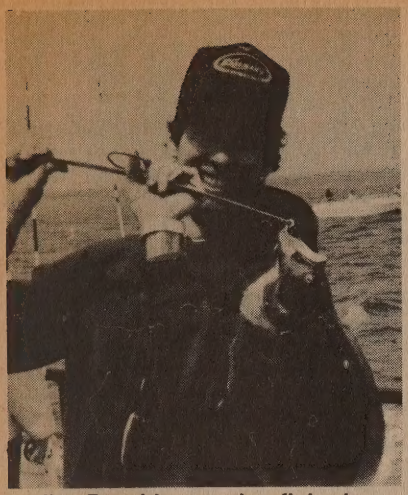

Jim Donaldson and a fluke he boated last summer aboard the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee."

boats still managed fair catches of flatties near the turns of the tide. Quite a few small bass being reported by flounder fishermen in the State Channel and also by surf casters along Cedar Beach. No weakfish news from this quarter either.

Noel Kappauf reported on the Captree Sea Fests weekend flounder derby from his **Captree Bait and Tackle Shop**. The contest was open to fares fishing aboard Captree's party and charter boat fleet. While fishing conditions were far from ideal in the weekend's strong winds, some very substantial flatties earned the top spots. On Saturday, John Schmitz took first place with a 2 lber. taken aboard the Capt. Dan; second place went to Louis Walkers for a 1.15 lb. fish taken on the Shearwater. Dan Dombrowski nailed down third spot with a 1.14 lb. flattie. It was taken aboard the **Capt. Joseph II.** On Sunday, Ken Pelosa took top spot with a 1.14 lber. on the **Captree Queen**. Fred Grauer was 2nd, with a 1.13 on the Captain Dan and Norman Lee was third with a 1.11 lber. on the Fishtail. First place winners earned a year of free fishing aboard any Captree open boat. Second and third places were good for a half year of free fishing. In addition, Noel mentioned a few blacks continue to be taken from the Oak Beach Shore and the Robert Moses Piers, also, some decent flounder fishing in the Sore Thumb Pocket and along South Beach at the turn of the tide.

Captain Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported very good flounder fishing from Monday-Thursday in the Sore Thumb area. These were nice fish with quite a few 2 lbers. sprinkled among the catches. Best flattie of the week was a 2.7 lber. taken by 7 year old Richard Benn. The fish was landed after the youngster snagged the broken line of an unlucky angler fishing nearby. Sonny Angelica made two trips during the week. His efforts were rewarded with 52 flatties. Best fishing has been the last

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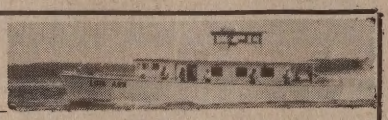

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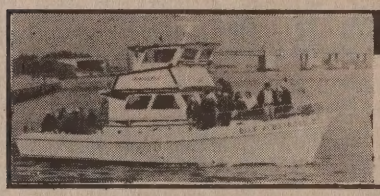

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of the ebb and the first of the flood, according to Carl. The Thumb produced fair results on Saturday, despite the wind and a fleet of boats anchored up there. Sunday's fishing was slow though fares did get a nice shot of fish late in the day on the mussel beds near the lighthouse. Carl added that he will now be sailing half day trips from 8AM to 12 and 1PM to 5PM on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. He will continue his 8AM daily full day trips Monday through Friday. The skipper spoke of a couple of rumors of weaks roaming the bay and noted that his first scheduled trip is for May 8th. He will be sailing nights from 6 to 10PM.

According to Captain Richie of the Captree open boat **Captain Richie** reported that flounder fishing was a little slow this weekend with better results during the week for the boats that sailed. Richie told of a few fish still out east in the bay, but the better fishing has been near the Sore Thumb. He stayed dockside in Saturday's gale and like most found Sunday a tough pick.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** reported some very good flounder fishing during the week near the lighthouse and at the Sore Thumb. The fishing fizzled on the weekend, however. On Tuesday's AM trip, nearly 400 flatties were taken with another 200 caught on the afternoon trip. Wednesday saw each trip produced 275 to 300 flatties.

Captain Bob Schwartz of the Captree charter boat **Blue Albatross** fished a bachelor party headed by Mike Kiernan on Saturday. Mike, along with the future groom, his brother Tim and friends put away approximately 100 flatties in just about three hours fishing. The fish bit well through the last of the ebb and the first of the flood tide. Rip Weiss had the biggest flattie, a 1¾ lber. On Sunday, members of the Happy Hooker Fishing Club from City Island endured a slow pick in the same Sore Thumb area. Carl Steiner had the largest, a 1.15 lber.

Captain Andy Buglione of the Captree charter boat **Cap'n Andy** fished a party from the Greenlawn Fire Dept. on Sunday. It was headed by Bob Woodhouse. Bob Mosely finished with the pool winner and high hook honors. Andy spoke of a good flurry around the morning turn of the tide after which the fishing just petered out. He added that both the open boats **Speedy VI** and **Speedy VIII** trekked west to the Rockaways on Sunday and did a big job on the mackerel.

John Gattuso at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon spoke of some decent flounder catches made in the Sore Thumb pocket this week with tougher fishing on the weekend. He had no mackerel catches to report, but knew that some small stripers were being taken by boatmen fishing for flounder at the Sore Thumb.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a good catch of flatties Tuesday working in the State Channel. Vern and Frank teamed to take 35 that day. The rest of the week provided picky results with lots of wind a major factor. Saturday's fishing was okay at the Sore Thumb for good sized fish. Sunday, on the other hand, was a real tough pick.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani said that flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb and the Amity Cut was pretty consistent this week with the weekend results less rewarding. Thursday saw one boatman put together a decent catch of mackerel south of Ocean Beach with better catches still to the west. Mike advised anglers to get out now for macks because if you wait to read about the big hit, you may miss out on the action. This looks to be shaping up as a big mackerel weekend. Blackfish are around also and the shop does have green crabs in stock.

Speaking from **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst, Jimmy Schaefer confirmed the mackerel are within range. On Sunday, Joe Fontana trekked 12 to 15 miles SW of Jones inlet to collect 300 mackerel in the 2 lb. class. Some blackfish now being taken at Kismet Reef on sand worms, clams and green crabs. Flounder fishing remains okay for some and a tough pick for others. On Saturday,

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:05	10:15	11:00	11:15	10:50	11:00	11:50	11:55	1:30	2:05	1:10	1:45	10:00	10:20	4/30
FRI.	10:45	10:55	11:40	11:55	11:40	11:45	—	12:30	2:00	2:35	1:50	2:25	10:45	11:00	5/1
SAT.	11:30	11:35	—	12:20	—	12:25	12:40	1:20	2:30	3:15	2:35	3:10	11:30	11:45	5/2
SUN.	—	12:20	12:40	1:05	12:30	1:15	1:25	2:15	3:05	3:50	3:15	3:55	—	12:20	5/3
MON.	12:25	1:10	1:25	1:55	1:20	2:05	2:20	3:15	3:50	4:40	4:05	4:45	12:40	1:15	5/4
TUES.	1:20	2:05	2:15	2:50	2:05	3:00	3:15	4:10	4:40	5:35	5:00	5:35	1:35	2:15	5/5
WED.	2:05	3:05	3:10	3:45	2:55	3:50	4:15	5:10	5:35	6:35	5:55	6:25	2:35	3:10	5/6
THURS.	3:05	4:00	4:10	4:45	3:50	4:45	5:15	5:58	6:40	7:25	6:45	7:20	3:30	4:05	5/7

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/30	5:58	7:57
FRI. 5/1	5:57	7:58
SAT. 5/2	5:55	7:59
SUN. 5/3	5:54	8:00
MON. 5/4	5:52	8:01
TUE. 5/5	5:51	8:02
WED. 5/6	5:50	8:04

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/30	7:05AM	11:00PM
FRI. 5/1	7:45AM	11:55PM
SAT. 5/2	8:35AM	—
SUN. 5/3	9:30AM	12:50AM
MON. 5/4	10:30AM	1:30AM
TUE. 5/5	11:35AM	2:05AM
WED. 5/6	12:35PM	2:35AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
5/27	5/6	5/13	5/20

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	7:15	1:05	7:45	1:30
Fri.	8:10	2:00	8:40	2:25
Sat.	9:05	2:55	9:35	3:20
Sun.	10:05	3:55	10:35	4:20
Mon.	10:55	4:45	11:25	5:10
Tues.	11:50	5:40	—	6:00
Wed.	12:15	6:30	12:40	6:50
Thurs.	1:05	7:10	1:20	7:30

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Jim joined with Tom Favilla and despite the wind, managed 20 keepers in a brief stint near Gilgo in the state channel. Back on Tuesday, Al and Mike Carmine boated 32 flatties between the Lindenhurst and Babylon Cuts. They used blood worm and clam chum. Willy DiCicco added several tommycod to his catch of 16 flatties made at the Copiague Hole on Friday. For shore fishermen, the Tanner Park area has been producing some fair results, as has the north end of the Robert Moses bridge near the construction barges. Mike Shahmanian and Doug Poulan caught a dozen at the latter spot on Sunday.

Pretty good flounder fishing during the week at Squaw Island, Copiague Hole, Amity Cut and near the RM bridge according to Chester Shew of **Z-Crab Bait and Tackle** in Copiague. The weekend was a tough pick for most boatmen. Many others decided to stay in the barn as a result of all the wind. Some blackfish now settled in on the Kismet Reef, but nothing yet on weaks. Nothing confirmed on mackerel locally but weather has been a factor on most days.

Bob Rose over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor had several good flattie reports on hand. He spoke of the early riser who had a mess of big flatties in the state channel and Oak Island Saturday afternoon. At the same time, Ray Nattuno of the Sidney Ann II had over 100 flounder up to 2¼ lbs. in the Sore Thumb Pocket. On Sunday, Ken Schmeider of the Lady Marion put together a nice catch of flounder working the West Channel area. Radio chatter indicated that any number of boats managed catches of a couple to several dozen mackerel on Sunday. These boats reported working over small patches of the fish in 70 feet of water. A few blackfish continue to be taken but no weakfish reports as of yet. Twoomey's Fishing Station held their weekend flounder contest. Jennifer Bates took first place honors with a 2.4 lb. flattie taken aboard the Chum Pot. George Savage nailed down 2nd place with a 1¾ lber.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale rounded up a catch of 25 flatties on Sunday with the help of his son Rich and Brian Penta. Fishing aboard his Cookie Monster, the trio put away 25 flatties up to 1½ lbs. in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Frank noted that the Royal Day, anchored nearby, also did a good job on the fish. Best of the action was on the last of the ebb in the afternoon. Also fishing the Sore Thumb area on Sunday were Tina and Lisa Annabel with their dad aboard the Joy Master. The trio put away 17 flounder up to 1¼ lbs. Frank did have one confirmed mackerel catch. Also on Sunday, Bob LaMonte and crew put 100 mackerel from 1 to 2 lbs. into the cockpit of his My Diane. He fished 8 miles SW of Fl Inlet.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

As much as we don't want to sound like a broken record, it must be said that the present weather pattern been in for the past three weeks has been kind of stinko. The few decent fishable days have seen some nice catches come in, but that's been all around the windy, rainy days which always seem to affect the next day's, and round and round and round. However, this is due to break imminently and things should bust wide open at that time. Floundering has been picky to very good during this past week, depending on the day and the spot and who's pounding the bottom. Shots of mackerel have been fair to super and there have been stir-

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WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

From **Old Harbor Marina** in Seaford, we learn that on Sunday, 13 rental skiffs were out picking away at the flatties using worms and heavy on the chum. One rental returned with 22 nice flounder up to 1¾ lbs. Best areas were Massapequa Cove, buoy 14, 4 Corners and Goose Creek. Earlier in the week on Monday, catches were also very good but Tuesday through Saturday, it was a pick.

We hear from **Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle** that customers returned bringing news of flounder caught at the Cove and Squaw with catches ranging from 14 to 16 fish a man whenever it wasn't raining. Worms worked best with plenty of chum, incoming best.

A call from Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** told of excellent flounder catches at the Cove through Friday. George Kohn and Mike Bello totaled 119 flounder Friday, plus some eels and some BCCs. Joe saw his third weakfish brought in. Several members of U.S. Air at JFK Airport taking out a skiff had over 200 flatties at Massapequa Cove. Mussel and worm did the trick. Sunday's high hook boat had 45 flounder.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** told of Friday's mackerel bonanza just outside Jones between buoy 2 and the McAlaster Grounds. Fish ran 2 to 3 lbs. and there were loads of small herring mixed in. On the weekend, the wind scattered the catch a lot. There were also off Playland in 50 to 60 feet of water and were not spitting up bait. During the week, heavy chumming produced some good flounder catches at the Cove, Ft. Neck Point, Rowboat Alley, along with Neds and Broad Creeks. Blood worm alone and blood worm-mussel combos were hot. On Wednesday retired fireman Jones bagged 70 flatties to 2 lbs. by himself fishing

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Ten-year-old Chris Blanton caught this 2 lb. 11 oz. flattie in the State Channel near Gilgo on 4-19-87. It was weighed at Charlie's Bait and Tackle in Lindenhurst.

the Massapequa/Seaford areas with worm and corn chum. On Friday, John Grotheer, Ridgewood, totaled 42 flatties to 2 lbs. fishing the Massapequa area with mussel and worm and heavy chumming. Through Friday catches averaged 12 to 50 fish a boat. Things took somewhat of a downturn on the weekend numbers-wise, but the sizes remained large.

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, the biggest news seemed to be the start up of the blackfishing on fiddlers at Big M, the jetties and at local wrecks. Saturday saw mackerel just two miles offshore of Jones Inlet.

Sailing out of Freeport, the charter boat **Corsair** on Sunday, fished the Oak Street Pub of Bellmore and had a continuing pick of flounder at Fundy, Sea Dog and Reynolds, fish averaging a pound and going to 2 lbs. Heavy chumming was the key using mussel, clam and worm as hook bait. High hook was Mary Lastig and Harold Roskap bagged the pool. Lots of drops were made with just a couple producing very strongly, ebb tide best.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Star Stream II** found the mackerel close by less than an hour from the dock this past week, and termed the fishing good. You had to work at it though, the skipper said and anglers had to contend with Saturday's high winds and Sunday's roll. Nonetheless, action was definitely good. Fish were in 50 to 70 feet of water and were mostly all big Bostons, nothing smaller than 2 lbs.

Aboard the **Blue Fin Fleet** this past week, mackerel trips sailed Saturday and Sunday resulted in quite decent catches made south of Jones Inlet in 90 feet of water. Occasional blasts wre also had when there were 2 and 3 fish on everybody's rod at the same time. Strong easterly winds and high tides slowed down the floundering, said the skipper though Thursday and Friday were decent. Things were spotty in general, with many drops required. Fish were good sized, however, going to 1½ lbs. This week's anglers catching the biggest fish were Tony

Salas, Al Kaleda, Mike Fey and P. Baglio, and Armenda Andretta. High hooks for the week were: Joe Spiro, Lud Milla, Mike Danza.

All nice size fish said Captain Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** and outgoing was the best. On the full day boat, high hooks were in the 30s, fish to 2½ lbs. On Thursday 28 fares boated over 400 flounder with Bev Alpern of Massapequa getting 38, Frank Hersh of Oceanside 31 and Bob Grudsinski, Maspeth, 26. Friday saw John Glaser with 30, regular Morty with 29 and Don Thomson 24. Action slowed on the weekend, but high hooks were still in the 20s. The villain was the east wind and a four degree water temp drop. The half day boat saw high hooks in the teens, fish to 2 lbs. Saturday AM Ziggy Lagner had 12 plus a 2 lb. pool fish and in the PM Paul Pezar had a 2 lb. 3 oz. flounder. On Sunday's PM trip, Brian Sapp took the pool.

Aboard the open boat **Jennifer B** fares also stood up bravely against the poor conditions, moon tides and cold shots of water, yet they picked away on some nice fish with mussel-worm combos working best. Monday, Mary Ann Needle and Ed Kusnsky of Massapequa had 11 fish to 1¾ lbs., while Tony Zizzamia, Floral park, had 12 to 2¼ lbs. and pool honors. Twelve fares on the AM trip took nearly 100 fish while on the PM trip, Chris Rutherford of Merrick bagged 18 and Bill Benson of Farmingdale landed a 2¼ lb. pool winner. Twenty-seven fares in the afternoon had nearly 200 flounder, 20 of which were in the 2 lb. class. The skipper rated Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as fair, very good and poor. Thursday's PM trip saw Spencer Thomas with a 2¼ lber. Friday's AM trip had Spencer back again, this time lassoing a 1½

Tony Grasso with a pair of big flounder (the one on the left checked in at 3 lbs.) from among a catch of 45 taken on worms and mussels in the Point Lookout area. Photo courtesy of Scotty's Fishing Station.

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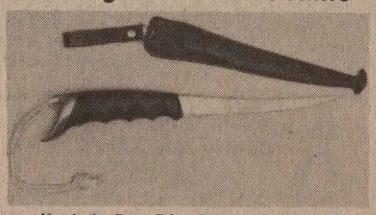

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Matthew French caught this 10 lb. 4 oz. blackfish last spring aboard the open boat, "Miss Point Lookout II."

lber. On the PM trip, 107 flatties were the total for Scott Miko, Dick, Rich, Spence and Steady Teddy. Spence bagged a 2½ lber. on that trip. Saturday AM had Mark Linderman with a 3 lb. 4 oz. flounder and in the PM a large group from CW Post had big fish weighing in at 2¼, 2, 1¾ and 1½ pounds. Sunday's AM trip was a good pick with Charlie Ernst of Freeport taking a 2½ lber., while in the PM Rose Crane of Elmont had a 2½ lb. flattie.

The **Super Spray** has finished up with flounder for the season and has now switched over to mackerel. See ad for details.

A call from Captain Frank Signorelli of the charter boat **3 Sea-sons** says he still has a few flounder and bluefish trips available and wishes to remind you all that he is now sailing from Hudson Point Fishing Station in Freeport and is all set to load you up whenever possible.

A call came in from Captain Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** advising that there are definitely some flounder around, most of which are nice fat keepers from 1/2 to 1½ lbs. which his charters caught locally on worm and clam. Trips were sailed this week for: Forest Park Fishing Club, Neil Dougherty, St. Mary's High School, Manhasset, Greg McPhearson Scout group, Ed Caruso Scout group and East Farmingdale Fire Dept.

Sailing out of Point Lookout, Captain Al Lindroth's **Capt. Al** found the macks Friday. Rich Morales of Valley Stream caught in the 70s Friday and roughly the same amount again on Sunday. Others on board also had some excellent catches of mackerel, all big Bostons. Ivan Sterling and Julian Gardner gathered up about 75 big macks, while Franklin Square angler Mike Iafrarte and John Urso of Elmont dug in and loaded up a sack. Fish were generally 2½ to 3½ lbers. and were taken from buoy 2 to Cholera.

Captain Dennis of the two trip a day **Night Hawk** called Monday's and Tuesday's floundering very good.

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High hook Monday was Phil Delaney with 19 fish. Tuesday's pool was taken by Frank Calaco with a 2 lb. 6 oz. specimen. Friday's afternoon trip on incoming in Swift saw very good catch with Dave Gavin high hook with 29 fish plus a 2 lb. 10 oz. pool winner. Charters endured a slow pick Saturday and Sunday.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** on Saturday a group led by Frank Calaco picked away in the wind and poor conditions, putting some fish in the cooler, while on Sunday a trip for the Lloyd Latham group had a fair pick all through Reynolds to the ABB with the pool fish a 2 lber.

Over at **Scotty's Fishing Station**, Phil and Pete Grasso, Tony Pretakiewicz and Ray Sweeney totaled 61 flatties from 1½ lbs. and up on worm, mussel and lots of mussel chum. Fishing top of incoming Wednesday. Buoy 17 was the hotspot. Plenty of mackerel at the JI buoy Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout,** the skippers told of mediocre to excellent flounder action this past week. Monday AM was picky but over 300 flounder were caught in the afternoon. Wayne Baker of the Bronx and his girl friend had 20, Bob Manning had 10 and 7 year old Cathy Beck of Mineola had a 2½ lb. pool fish. Tuesday AM was slow but in the afternoon a 2 lb. pool fish was the reward for a Miss Angela. Chicken Bill was high hook with 21. Friday's

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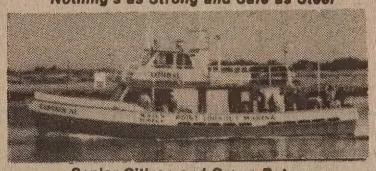

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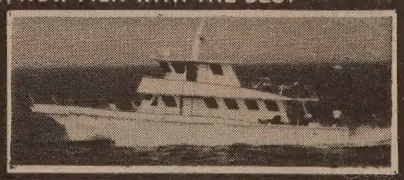

AM trip was the best of the week with fares loading up on just one drop, with the tide flooding 12 people had a ball. Larry Adams Sr. and Jr. 29, Mike and Lana Smith, 27, Dennis Murphy of Massapequa Park, 22, Jerry Garfinkle of Great Neck, 17, Bob Calderone of Syosset, 21 and Vito Contelli of Elmont, 18. Friday was picky on the ebb. Worms worked best. Over 200 flounder were taken on Saturday's AM trip. Vito Erico had a 1½ lber. on the PM trip. Sunday AM regular Mike Hoffman had a 2½ lb. pool winner and in the PM John Retitaois bagged a 2¾ lber. The strong tide and continual east winds definitely put the numbers down this week, but there is definitely some excellent fishing coming up.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** told us that on Sunday, Bruno G and family of New Jersey hoisted 51 nice flounder on mussel, worm and clam in the nearby flats on the ebb. These were the flats off Sea Dog. On the same day, Louis Ramirez and Jose Valasco of Manhasset bagged 40 flounder on mussel and blood worms at buoy 18. Of course, plenty of chum was

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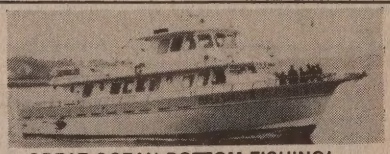

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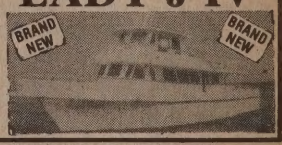

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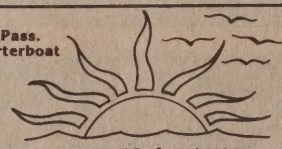

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utilized. Some blacks at the Big M on fiddlers and a couple of short fluke at Jones Inlet.

At **Beckmann's** in Lynbrook, very small striped bass are being taken and released. These fish are whacking flounder rigs. Loads of bunker in Jamaica Bay. Saturday saw mackerel at the buoy 2 area in 60 feet of water. One customer fishing Pebble Beach in Glen Cove, Mr. Salek Rowe of Queens Village had 12 blackfish Thursday to 10¾ lbs. on green crab.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Word from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway is of good floundering at high water, mostly at markers 5 and 7 in Reynolds and along the dock line in Reynolds at Atlantic Beach, all baits working. Blackfish at the bridges and jetties starting. Some bluefish mixed in with the mackerel believe it or not in various mack attacks being found due south in 60 to 90 feet of water. Some early fluke showing in the inlets and bays, with very few keepers. Not a bad week, but better to come, said Skippy.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach talked of some flounder being taken off both bridges on blood and sand worms on incoming water and advises chumming. A few blackfish being taken on fiddlers from the bridges. Lots of small stripers around and evidently a lot of bunker in the bay.

We hear from Skipper Tom Palladino of the **Elsie K III** that it's been a picky flounder week due to the weather, winds and rain. However, Saturday a showing of fish was evident, with an even bigger improvement Sunday, all fish 1½ to 3 lbers. Again, high hook was Bill Strobel with 24 big fish to 2½ lbs. Tom again said he's concentrating his efforts only on large flounder. This week he worked West Bank at Staten Island.

Blackfish specialist Tom Marcone of the **Pilot II** said catches of blackfish overall have been very good this past week. He termed Saturday's fishing very good, with catches of 15 to 25 a man and Friday's even better with 30 being high hook, all action being on the Jersey side, fish 2 to 6 lbs. on greens. Fares are also taking over a

Nine-year-old Joseph Penge caught this big 2 lb. flounder from the Long Beach shore on 3-29-87.

dozen sea bass a day as well on clam bait.

Neil over at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** just east of the fleet tells of very good blackfish catches this pasat week with mackerel catches Saturday being very good and Sunday's being fair, with boats of the Sheepshead Fleet working various patches of ocean. He noted the flounder had slowed this past week due to weather conditions.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

An easterly stream of wet cold weather kept water temperatures low for this time of year and caused poor results for most of the weekend fishing. Flounder catches so far this season indicate a low in the flat fish cycle, as predicted by NMFS, although a few areas to the west had a modest amount of fish, any catches of a half dozen or more per rod per day were unusual throughout the entire region.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** mentioned a few tautog and a short fluke in recent catches and was waiting for the mackerel to come north from Atlantic City. **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** liked the fishing for bass in the four to ten pound class in Turtle Cove. One angler had a six pound tautog mixed with the bass catch while Dave DiLuca had eight small blackfish on various baits. Flounder were in Half Moon Cove and off Hart's Island.

Glen Cove Sport Shop felt that local blackfishing around the inshore rocks was quite good. Glenn Rashkind had two excellent catches of flounder over ten inches earlier in the week. His best fish in a total catch of fifteen was a fourteen inch flattie. John Cacciola tells us that the suit for beach access is moving into the final stages and that contributions to the Fishermen's Defense Fund (189 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove 11542) are welcome while the title search proceeds.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** found a slight improvement in Sunday's fishing along the Bayville shore. The east winds have kept a lot of the flat fish action within harbors and around moorings, and picks on the outside seldom last more than then minutes at any given spot. Fish sizes are good, and there are enough flounder to go around on days when the boat carries ten to twenty customers. Weekend

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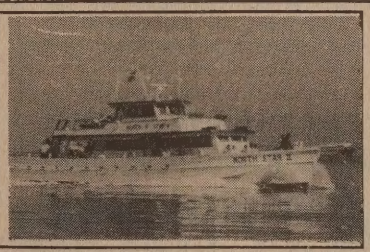

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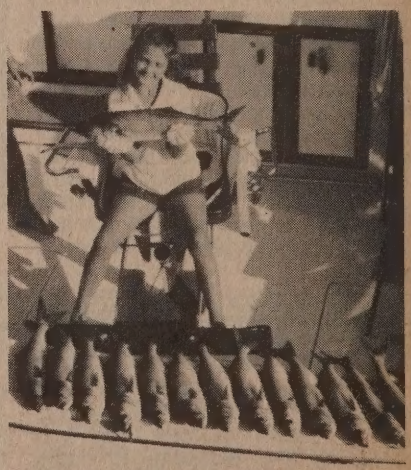
catches included a half dozen tautog per day.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

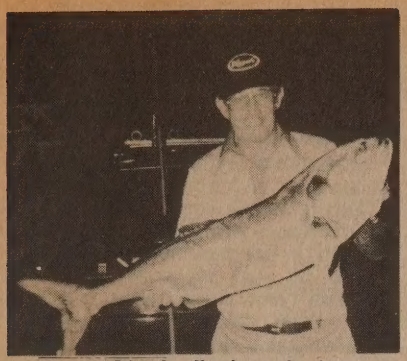
Huntington Prop told us that most local anglers were fishing inside with some decent results at Lloyd's Light and off Duck Island. Walter Stuven had a good catch in Huntington Bay while Al Mott and Tom Aguilero scored in northeast Lloyds Harbor. Carl McRitten went outside in twelve to fifteen feet of water off Eaton's for more than two dozen fish, an outstanding catch, with sizes well over one and a half pounds. **Four Winds** mentioned a catch of more than three dozen flounder for Joe Carter in Northport Bay on Friday. George Valentine related some cold water temperatures, only fourty-seven degrees at the lighthouse, even though the surface in the harbors stands at fifty-three. The **Ever Ready** is at least three week's away from its first sailings, stay tuned for schedules from George.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** called to detail a fine catch of over three dozen flounder for the Browns. George and his brother had their haul at the top of the tide in twelve feet of water in back of Lloyd's on Sunday. Sizes were one to one and a half pounds. John told us that anglers who want some catch and release fun should try plugging the four to eight pound schoolie bass in the area with Redfins and teasers.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** was still seeing nice fish from the old bridge sites and from the entrance to Belle Terre Cove. It was impossible to get down to the Shoreham-Wading River zones on most days because of the northeast blow.



Nine-year-old Jennifer Lynn Bonacci with one of many blues taken aboard her uncle's Temptress off of Roanoke Shoals last August.



Vinnie Riggio displays the huge 20 lb. 11 oz. blue he landed from the Huntington Harbor shore last September.

Stan Henschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that there were tons of herring around the power plant area and that bass to eight pounds were congregating nicely. Fred Mildner's **Hawkeye** has been picking a very few very nice flounder off Roanoke. Those who want numbers have been going to the South Shore. In all reports there were less than six tautog total. Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** was disappointed at the slow scene from Roanoke to Shoreham. A typical catch for a day of fishing there is only two or three large flounder.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** was honest about conditions for much of the week. "Rain, wind, and no fish", said he. However, we did notice a pack of small craft outside the Peconic River mouth on Sunday morning, and Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** had a few hardies out on the Sound despite the easterlies. Bill Czech at **Jamesport Bait and Tackle** likes the zone east of the inlet in shallow water. Outgoing is best while flood seems to turn off the fish completely. Bob Ceglowski had to cancel a party of anglers on Saturday, but he may have been back in action Sunday with the **Captain Bob**. Best catches on the Sound seem to be about a dozen fish per skiff per day.

No boats got out of **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk**, but Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** saw a couple of dozen flatties taken by private craft off Mashomack. One of the best flounder of the season tipped the scales at 2.14. Dominick DeRaineri went around north of Orient Point and had a dozen nice fish to two pounds.

Ruth White at **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that Saturday's party boat fishing on the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** was like "riding a roller coaster" but that Sunday was an improvement, with both boats sending fares home relatively happy.

Larry Ciccotto has initiated his

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Richie Jensen reported better hauls on the **Nancy Ann** last week with 45 to 75 fish on the best days. Fishing is in 25 to 60 feet of water with slack periods best. Sizes range from one and a half pounds to two and a half with virtually no throwbacks. Jensen may try Gardiner's later this week.

Quality flounder, many over two and a half pounds, requiring the use of the net on the **Captain Bob** were reported the past week. Tom Quinn of Medford was high hook with sixteen flounder, heaviest two and a half pounds on a recent charter. On Sunday's charter with the Sunrise Anglers, Herb Dolhausen copped the pool with a three pound flattie, while Frank Harsh high hooked with seven flatties and a large blackfish. Most productive fishing has been east of Mattituck Inlet. **Captain Bob** sails on Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's as an open boat. There are a few open dates for blackfish or Horton's fluke charters.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater fishing held its own this past week, despite the harsh north winds which tried to take the steam out of its sails. Pickerel fishing is probably the best bet in terms of size but panfish, especially yellow perch and bullheads, are quickly building in numbers. Trout fishing remains consistent and a few scattered bass are now mixing in at most of the usual locations. Carp fishing, in general, slowed to almost nothing.

Hempstead Lake continues to be the hot spot for anglers working out of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**. According to Bill Beckmann, anglers are plugging a few bass and a lot of pickerel. Dennis Scully of Baldwin sampled the action on Wednesday, using a Rapala to catch and release several bass to four pounds. Further east, at Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River, Jack Hetzel of Brentwood, dunked a red wiggler to nail an eighteen inch rainbow.

Fred Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle, Franklin Square**, echoed a good fishing in Hempstead Lake, adding that anglers are also catching a lot of pickerel and crappies in the Wantagh Twin Lakes.

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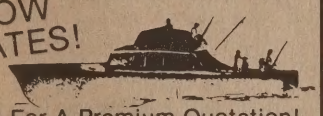

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From Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, we learned that pickerel fishing has been "exceptional" in South Twin Lake. Most of the fish, which are still out of season and must be released, have ranged between twelve to fifteen inches. Live killies have been the ticket. The big key to this fishing has been working the bank during evening hours and whenever the wind subsides. Mike also noted that bass fishing is much improved over last week and anglers using nightcrawlers are picking several small fish each trip. Over in the north lake, crappie fishing has been holding up well. A few anglers have been traveling to the Peconic River and have reported catching up to twenty-five pickerel a shot. Both spinners and live killies are working here.

Bottom fishing for catfish is the best bet for anglers fishing Lake Ronkonkoma according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. Fishermen here have been casting worm baits from shore and scoring with five to six bullheads an hour. Carp fishing continues to steadily improve and a few small bass are also starting to fed. Water temperatures are still on the cold side, especially after this week's north winds, and this seems to be keeping the bass activity on the slow side. Fred also mentioned that several anglers have been out trying to tempt the tiger muskies but so far no takers have been found.

A call to Mike Venuti at Caleb Smith State Park, revealed that the Nissequogue River was generous with decent to large trout over the past week. Fishing in the pond has been very good but action in the stream is still a little on the sluggish side. The trout are beginning to rise to drys but streamers are accounting for the largest fish.

Anglers are still pulling their quota of trout from Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek according to Rod DiGiacomo of **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**. One unusual fish, a fourteen inch tiger trout was taken from Connetquot River State Park Preserve by Richie Simmons on Friday. Tiger trout, so named because of their unusual marking pattern which resembles their namesake, are a cross between a brook and brown trout. They are a brown and brookie hybrid and do not reproduce.

I can confirm the good fishing for trout inside the park this week. On Tuesday, I accompanied a dozen ninth graders from Lindenhurst Alternative Highschool as they participated in a fishing clinic sponsered by the Cooperative Extension Sportfishing Program and BOCES. The class enjoyed a slide show and tour of the park and hatchery grounds before trying their hand at flyfishing. Before the day was out, every youngster had at the least hooked a trout and some landed several fish. Among some of the luckier anglers were Mike Rudolph, Joe Serviss, Chris Schmidt and Tim Murdock. Chaperones Joe Russo

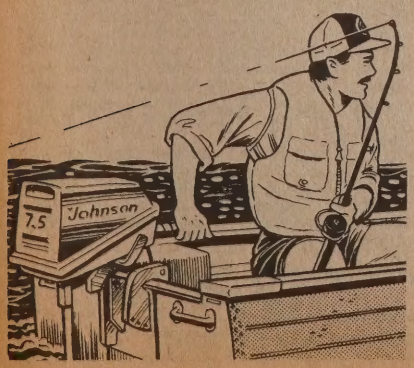
and Rich Kissel also caught some fish. All but four were released. Muddler Minnows and Blue Dunns were the hot patterns.

Perch and Trout are feeding well in all the local lakes according to John at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue.** Shop regulars Mickey Russo and Robert Benicasa took several fish from Connetquot River during the week. Anglers working Mill Pond in Sayville have been well rewarded with stockies. I stopped by this location myself on Wednesday afternoon and took several fish on a small spoon. Another angler told me that he had taken more than fourty trout during the week on a small nymph fished four feet behind a float. John also mentioned that pickerel fishing is very good in Cannon and Patchogue Lakes and a few bass are now beginning to mix in.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach,** had some good news to pass on to panfishermen. During the week, two anglers stopped by the shop to report taking a mess of sunnies on small flyrod poppers. Mike Olsen made his catch in the Peconic River while Ray Braniff connected with his fish in Smithtown Mill Pond. Fred also noted that his nephew, Cress Laager, fished Connetquot River on Wednesday, taking a fourteen inch brown trout on an Adam's dry fly.

From Mrs. Devlin at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead,** we hear word that the bass and pickerel are both on the feed. On Saturday, Jedd Savel of East Northport, rented a skiff and fished the river directly behind the shop, taking several small bass and one three pounder on a Rebel. Bob Sharoff and Bob Gerski of Forest Hills also fished on Saturday. This pair of anglers worked the middle of the river, just east of the shop, taking several bass and pickerel. Fishing has been best under clear skies. Mrs. Devlin wanted us to let everyone know that local anglers are doing quite a job on bullheads. Fish worms right on the bottom to get in on this action.

From Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport, Hunter Mountain** we hear that the Scholhari River has cleared up and the water levels are approaching normal. Fishing for trout has been mediocore with average catches of five to six fish per angler.



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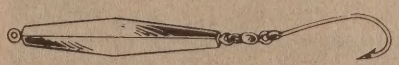

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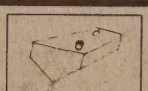

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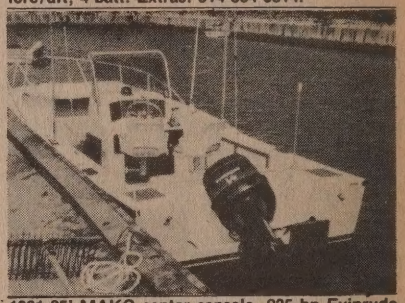

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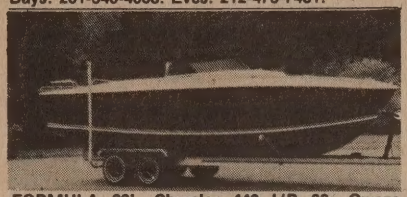

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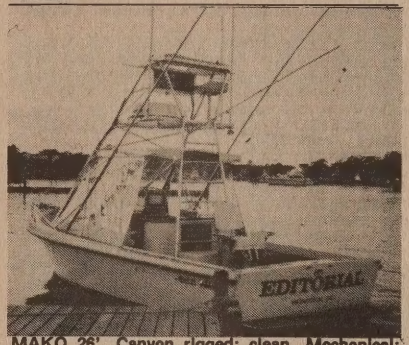

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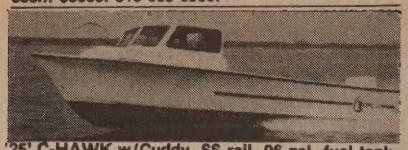

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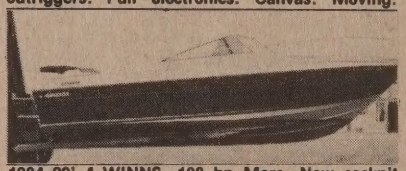

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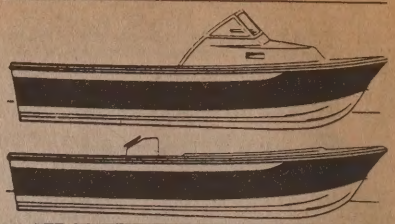

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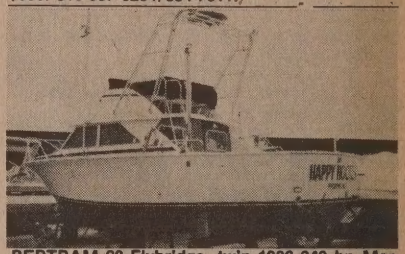

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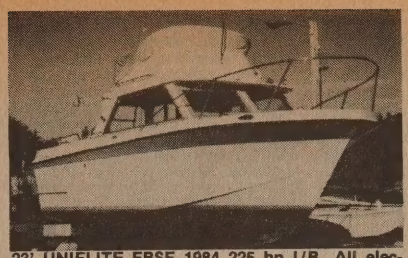

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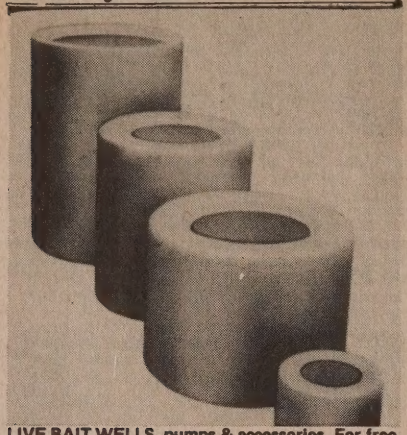

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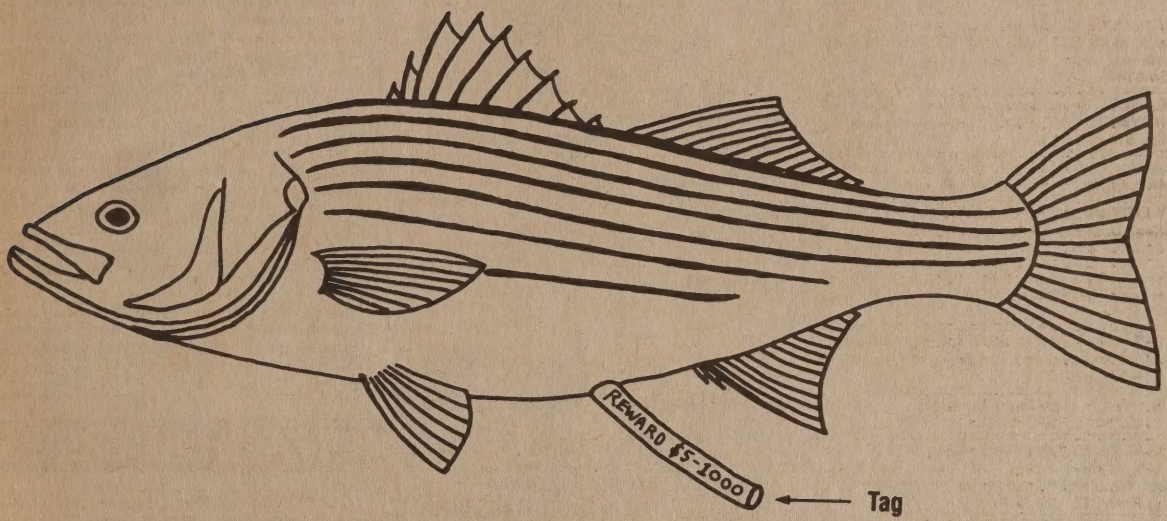

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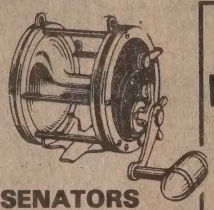

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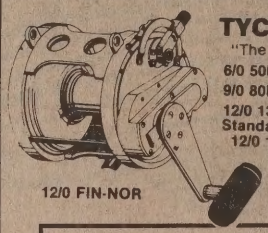

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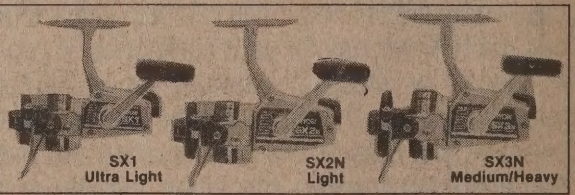

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